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The purpose of the trip is to further the informant's position in the Klan and to place him in closer contact with more radical leaders of alleged Klan group now existing in Center, Texas, and in nearby Louisiana.

Copies to Little Rock and New Orleans in view of their close proximity to Texarkana, Texas, Klan activities.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New Orleans, Louisiana August 27, 1965

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PROPOSED RALLY OF NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN ORGANIZATIONS AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 4, 1965

On August 26, 1965, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on August 21, 1965, at a province meeting of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), Realm of Louisiana, at Winnsboro, Louisiana, an announcement was made by ________ that a rally of all National Klan Organizations would be held at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on September 4, 1965

Attached as an appendix to this memorandum is a characterization of the OKKKK.

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APPENDIX

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (LOUISIANA) (OKKKK)

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

APPENDIX

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AT DALTON, GEORGIA:

Contact racial informants for information re Fort Payne, Alabama, demonstration, and identity of demonstration, Anniston, Alabama, 9/4/65.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT FORT PAYNE AND ANNISTON, ALABAMA:

Arrange appropriate coverage of demonstration at Fort Payne, Alabama, 8/27/65, and Anniston, Alabama, 9/4-5/65. Determine sponsoring organizations.

KNOXVILLE DIVISION

Will follow and report additional information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Knoxville, Tennessee August 26, 1965

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DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to Knoxville letterhead memorandum, captioned matter, dated August 25, 1965.

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MCLOSUM

DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

stated advised members of the DK, KKKR, Inc., that public cross burning and public speaking demonstrations are to be held on the night of September 4. 1965, at Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Anniston, Alabama. The reported Stone Mountain demonstration is to be sponsored by JAMES R. VENABLE of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and DK, KKKK, Inc., members have been invited to attend. He stated a public demonstration is to be held at Anniston, Alabama, September 4, 1965, but he did not name the sponsoring organization. Informant was of the impression that the Anniston, Alabam a. demonstration is to be sponsored by the UKA, Inc., stated DK, KKKK. Inc., members have been invited did not encourage members to to both demonstrations and attend one of the above demonstrations in preference to the other.

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DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (TENNESSEE)

Confidential Sources adivsed it was announced at a meeting of Klavern #1, U. S. Klans, Knighst of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on September 17, 1957, that some former leaders of Klavern #1 and their close associates had been banished from U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., during the preceding week.

Sources advised those individuals who were banished formed a new klan organization known as Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (DK, KKKK, Inc.), with headquarters in Masonic Hall, 2523 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee. A general welfare charter was secured from the State of Tennessee on October 21, 1957, which charter lists some of the purposes of the organization as freedom of speech and association, rejection of forced integration, preservation of the Constitutions of the United States and of Tennessee, and preservation of the sovereignty of each state.

In July, 1965, sources stated that the DK, KKKK, Inc., has one active klavern in Tennessee and one active klavern in Georgia. He stated there are no other klaverns of this organization in any other states although attempts have been made in the past to organize klaverns in other states.

A Confidential Source advised during the Fall of 1960 that a "den" of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, consisting of including

| Of DK, KKKK, Inc., | who was then of Klavern #1, Chattanooga, Tennessee (the local chapter president), and others, all listed as members of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, during July, August, and September, 1960, were reportedly responsible for five bombings of residences of Hamilton County, Tennessee, during July and August, 1960. Some of these members and alternates of den held closed meetings and discussed bombings and

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other acts of violence. These meetings were reportedly closed and rank and file members of this organization unaware of such. All reported members and alternates of den interviewed during another investigation, denied knowledge of bombings or acts of violence, denied knowledge of "den" of DK, KKKK, Inc., and majority admitted membership of DK, KKKK, Inc.

Sources have reported as late as July, 1965, that for the past three and one-half years or more, none of the DK. KKKK, Inc., members or leaders, including have discussed any acts of violence. In fact, during this period 1962-1963, Negroes have demonstrated at Chattanooga, Tennessee, seeking integration of public and municipal facilities. In addition to these demonstrations, some of the public schools, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Hamilton County, Tennessee, were integrated during the Fall of 1962 and the Fall of 1963. A majority of the schools through the sixth grade have now been integrated and the remaining are being integrated according to Federal Court Order. During these demonstrations and the integration of these schools, and other DK, KKKK, Inc., leaders at closed meetings of this organization, and on an individual basis, have instructed members of this organization to stay away from areas of demonstrations by Negroes and schools where integration was occurring, not to participate in any demonstrations or attempt to interfere with any Negro demonstrations, violence or advocate any acts of violence or become engaged in any arguments over above matters.

From October, 1960, to July, 1965, no acts of violence have occurred at Chattanooga and vicinity. During this period, DK, KKKK, Inc., has continued to operate as an active organization and during the same period all municipal facilities, Chattanooga, have been integrated, the majority of public facilities, including theatres, restaurants, motels, hotels, and other facilities have been integrated, plus integration of schools beginning in the Fall of 1962 to present and continuing on court-approved plan. All have been accepted peacefully with no demonstrations or acts of violence or discussion of acts of violence by DK, KKKK, Inc., members.

b6 b7С DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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There is to be a rally of Klan organizations at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on date indicated. Tampa recommended the above three informants attend this rally. will be in the delegation from Plant City, Florida, the largest United Florida Ku Klux Klan Klavern in the state. is also a member of the Plant City Klavern and can be used to corroborate the information furnished by of another klavern of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan; therefore, because of his position he should attend this rally. If next radio contact missed, send urgent
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ATTEND A NATIONAL KLAN LEADERS MEETING AT STONE MOUNTAIN GEORGIA, WEEK-END OF SEPTEMBER 4, 1965. INFORMANT ADVISES THAT HE FEELS

BY MAKING AN APPEARANCE AT THE MEETING AND

IN ADDITION INFORMANT WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT ON THOSE FROM LOUISIANA IN ATTENDANCE AND WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS AT MEETING AFFECTING LOUISIANA.

INFORMANT HAS NOT ASKED FOR EXPENSE MONEY TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND EXPENSES WILL NOT BE OFFERED TO HIM FOR THIS TRIP.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

Date: 9/2/65 Transmit the following in _ (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL Via. (Priority) DIRECTOR, FEI (157-168) TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-193)(P) FROM PUBLIC MEETING OF THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, SEFTEMBER 4, 1965, INFORMATION CONTAINED RM (KLAN) REPER IS UNCLASSIVED RM (KLAN) BATE. 8: 23: 8.8. BY S. Enclosed for the Eureau are eight copies and for Atlanta and Savannah two copies each of LHM concerning above public meeting. Cne of Savannah's copies is intended for information in ASCK in which Savannah is 00. lwho exhibited to SAs a letter from the Grand Dragon of ASCK. ⇔b2 **b**6 This informant stated he is not intending to go to this rally and the only person he knows of who is B. APPROX. / b7D intending to go is approximately years old, who lives near Lancaster, S. C. formerly was a member of ASCK and is now considered to be a member of United Klans of America, Inc., but as Atlanta has previous y advised, claims to be friendly with JAMES VENABLE, head of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan tated that a day or Bureau (Enc. 8)(RM) 2 - Atlanta (157-60)(Enc. 2)(RM) OSUPPrannah (1 - 157-210) (Enc.1) (RM) (1 - 105-297) (Enc.1) (RM) Charlotte (2- 157-193) (1- 105-469) 18 SEP 3 1965 (1 - 157 - 157)JMU SMHS Special Agent in Charge

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two prior to receipt of the above letter from the headquarters of ASCK,
had stated this rally was to be held at Stone Mountain,
Georgia, on 9/4/65 and said that JAMES VENABLE had telephoned
and invited him to comeis planning to go but it is not
known whether anyone will go with him. Informant continued that
now has a new 1966 Simca automobile, blue in color,
license number unknown.

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Charlotte is not making local dissemination of the information about the rally and it is recommended that Atlanta notify Secret Service and intelligence agencies as well as local authorities if not already done.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

RE: PUBLIC MEETING OF THE NATIONAL KNAMPERS OF THE KU KLUA KLAN, INC., AT STONE MOUTHAIN, GEORGIA, SEFTEMBER 4. 1965
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On September 1, 1965, _______ advised that the Grand Dragon of the Association of South Carolina Klans had sent a letter dated August 29, 1965, to all Klaverns of that organization which stated that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will hold a public speaking and cross burning near Atlanta at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on September 4, 1965. The letter continued that all Klanspeople, their families and other patriotic white people are invited to attend this rally.

The letter further stated that there will be a place provided to park house trailers for those who bring them. It further stated that reservations for motels and hotels would be made for persons desiring them and such persons could write to Box 107, Tucker, Georgia, or telephone 938-5921, area code 404, for reservations.

Characterizations of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Association of South Carolina Klans are attached as an appendix to this memorandum.

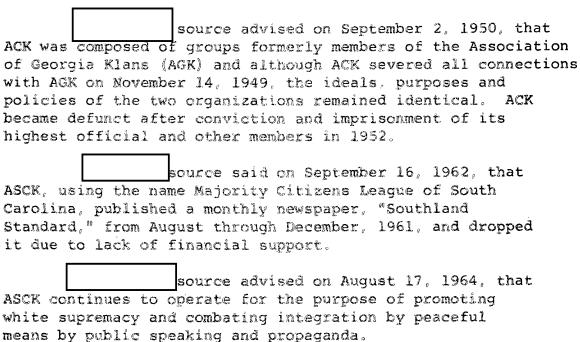
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APPENDIX

ASSOCIATION OF SCUTH CAROLINA KLANS KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (ASCK)

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was organized in the fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). This source said ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of ACK, although all high-ranking officials of ASCK had been members of ACK. The source stated announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and combat integration of the races; however the use of violence is disavowed.



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AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Charlotte, North Carolina September 2, 1965

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TUBLIC MENTING OF THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KINX KIAN, INC., AT STONE LUNTAIN, GEORGIA,

SEPTEMBER 4, 1965

Character

RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference

Memorandum dated September 2, 1965, at Charlotte, North Carolina, captioned at above.

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	FROM:	SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)
	RE:	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. aka Association of Klans in America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
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advised that captioned organization plans to hold
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September 18, 1965. Informant could furnish no further
details.
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this automobile and advise the appropriate Texas office.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia September 7, 1965

100th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of the Ku Klux Klan at Stone Mountain, Georgia on September 4, 1965, Sponsored by National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Also Known as association of Klans in America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

The following is a summary of information furnished by confidential informants on September 6, 1965:

National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., also known as Association of Klans in America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, sponsored a 100th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Ku Klux Klan in a cow pasture owned by James R. Venable at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on the evening of September 4, 1965. There were approximately 1,000 people present at this celebration and a large cross, about forty feet tall, was burned. During the burning of the cross, approximately 200 robed Klansmen and Klanswomen marched around the cross while the public address system played the song, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." It was announced that representatives from fourteen states were present at the celebration. Some of the state represented were Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Texas, Florida and Georgia.

The main speaker and master of ceremonies was James R. Venable, Chairman of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Venable stated that despite efforts by President Lyndon B. Johnson to destroy the Klan, that the Klan would survive, grow and again become a power in American politics. He said the Klan was present yesterday,

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today and would be here tomorrow. He attacked President Johnson's "Great Society", and said that the President's program will lead to Socialism and eventually to Communism. He talked about the Immigration Bill presently before Congress and said this bill, if passed by Congress, would open the door for the immigration of millions of Russians, Chinese, Negroes and other Asiatics. Venable said that the Klan will go underground if necessary to do so in order to continue operations.

The next speaker was who read a long history of the Klan. He also talked about racial demonstrations in the South and racial riots in Los Angeles, California. He said these demonstrations and riots were Communist inspired and had been encouraged by the attitude of the present administration.

Another speaker was Dr. Lewis Fowler, an 85-year-old man, who claimed that he assisted Colonel William Joseph Simmons in the rebirth of the Klan in 1915. Dr. Fowler said that he made the first speech atop Stone Mountain at the time of the first Klan rally there in 1916.

Others who made short speeches were

Applications for membership in the Klan were passed out and a few persons were observed to fill out the applications and turn them in.

The following are some of the items of literature passed out at the celebration:

A small card reading, "Support Communism - Save America From the Klan", signed "LBJ" and

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A leaflet entitled, "The Communists Plan to Attack the USA This Summer," issued by Defenders of the American Constitution, Inc., at Ormond Beach, Florida.

A poem entitled, "The Saddest Story Ever Told - When a white girl has a black baby," issued by American Digest, Post Office Box 15221, Tampa 14, Florida.

The celebration was covered by news media and a team from Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) filmed the burning of the cross and part of the speeches. It was learned that this film will be used in a documentary film on the Klan, which will be shown over the CBS network on September 21, 1965.

Although several Klansmen wore guns openly at the celebration, there were no incidents of violence and no arrests were made.

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Atlanta, Georgia September 7, 1965

Title

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX

KLAN, INC., also known as Association of Klans in America,

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

Character

RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference

Letterhead memorandum at Atlanta,

Georgia, dated and captioned as

above.

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It is suggested that the Cleveland Office consider opening new cases concerning the individuals appearing on this list who reside within the Cincinnati Division.

For information of Bureau, was previously carried as JAMES HARRIS, Racial Informant (Probationary).

However, a letter has been submitted to the Bureau designating as a symbol number racial informant.

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From:

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Director, FBI (157-168)— 43

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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ReClairtel dated 9/2/65.

Cincinnati Office should promptly submit a list of individuals initiated into captioned organization during the past month for indexing at the Bureau.

Your attention is called to Manual of Instructions, Section 122A, page 2, paragraph h, which sets forth criteria for opening of individual cases relative to Klan members. Individuals investigated should be those key personnel who have the propensity for violence and who actually formulate and carry out the organization's policies and not those individuals who merely attend meetings on a regular basis. You should, of course, follow, through sources and informants, the activities of individuals on whom individual cases are not opened, to insure that cases are promptly opened if information is received that they meet the criteria for such investigations.

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NOTE:

Cincinnati Office advised informant furnished list of names and addresses of individuals initiated into captioned organization during past month. No copies submitted to Bureau which should be obtained for indexing purposes. Referenced Manual of Instructions citation sets forth criteria for opening of cases on individuals and does not include mere members who are not leaders or active workers. Cincinnati had indicated individual investigations being opened on each new member merely because information required the dues had been paid.

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TO Director, FBI DATE: 9-9-65

SAC, Memphis (157-650)

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There are enclosed herewith eight copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information concerning above-captioned subject matter in regard to Pulaski, Tennessee. Two copies of LHM are being furnished to Atlanta Division and one copy of LHM being furnished to following: U.S. Secret Service, Nashville, Tennessee, 111th INTC Group, Region 1, Nashville, ONI, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S.C., G-2, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Ga., OSI, 8th District, Maxwell AFB. Ala. Interview of Mayor STACEY GARNER was by SA

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THE ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will advise Memphis of any information received indicating the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan plans to march in Pulaski.

THE MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT PULASKI, TENNESSEE

Will maintain contact with Mayor STACEY GARNER and Chief of Police for any information indicating the KKK may march in Pulaski.

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE September 9, 1965

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN; RACIAL MATTERS

An article appearing in The Daily Herald, Columbia, Tennessee, dated September 7, 1965, reflects that James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), said at a meeting of the Klan at Stone Mountain, Georgia, recently, "It was in Pulaski on the eve of the birth of Christ that the Ku Klux Klan was born on Dec. 24, 1865." Venable further said that he was passing the word among members of the Klan to meet in Pulaski so that the nation would know where "this great organization was founded. We mean to march through Pulaski in a great pilgrimage to commemorate the founding of the Ku Klux Klan."

The article further reflects that Mayor Stacey Garner said that the KKK had not contacted him about a pilgrimage to Pulaski that the Klan is planning in order to celebrate the founding of the order. The article further reflects that Mayor Garner said, "Naturally we would prefer that they didn't have it; but if they do, I guess we'll let them." He further said that if the Klan planned to have a march, the organization would have to get permission from the city and that if it were a peaceful thing they were planning, the city would give them an escort.

On September 8, 1965, Mayor Stacey A. Garner, Pulaski, Tennessee, advised that on Sunday, September 5, 1965, in the evening some woman called him to advise that she had heard on television Channel 5, WLAC, Nashville, Tennessee, in the 10:00 p.m. news broadcast that a KKK official had announced plans to march

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN

in Pulaski in order to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the KKK, which was founded in Pulaski on December 24, 1865. Mr. Garner stated that he has no details regarding any plans of the KKK to march in Pulaski and only knows what he was informed by the caller on the night of September 5, 1965. He stated he has not been contacted by anyone regarding a march in Pulaski by the KKK. He stated further that he knows of no persons who are members of the KKK either in Pulaski or in Giles County, Tennessee.

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Reference is made to memorandum submitted by the Atlanta, Georgia office under above caption on September 7, 1965.

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is attached hereto.

Sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have advised that approximately 30 members of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) from the Central Florida area (most of them from the Tampa-Plant City, Florida area), several accompanied by their wives, traveled to the Atlanta, Georgia area and attended the above-described klan celebration, held in a pasture at the foot of Stone Mountain on the outskirts of Atlanta, on the evening of September 4, 1965. Most of the above-mentioned UFKKK members were said to have been among the robed klansmen and klanswomen who marched during the affair.

A characterization of the UFKKK is attached hereto.

Sources said there were several speakers at the rally; however, the principal speaker and master of ceremonies was JAMES R VENABLE, chairman of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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VENABLE and the other speakers touched on the history, purposes and principles of the klan, according to sources, and condemned the "Jews", "niggers" and communists as enemies of the white man and of free America. President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Vice-President HUBERT HUMPHREY and FBI Director JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, along with officials of the State Department, were criticized for their stand on civil rights' issues, and klansmen were told that they should work to have such persons removed from office. The klan's views on foreign affairs, immigration matters and other national issues were also mentioned, according to sources.

New klan members were recruited and some were observed to execute applications for membership.

Florida klansmen were generally disappointed with the speeches and with attendance at the rally. Sources said many people left before the speeches were concluded and one spectator was heard to remark that the speakers were no more enlightening than articles appearing in the newspapers every day.

Sources neither heard of nor observed any incidents of violence at the celebration, although it was said that many of the Florida klansmen carried guns in their cars and under their robes.

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On September 7, 1965, a confidential source advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a characterization of which is attached hereto, held a National Klan Day rally in the cow pasture owned by James Ri Venable, Imperial Wizard, at Stone Mountain, Georgia, beginning about 7:45 PM, on September 4, 1965.

James R. Venable was moderator and spoke only briefly to introduce the speakers.

Buchanan, Georgia, was one of the speakers and he spoke on how the Klan was growing and why every white person should join. He was also critical of the federal government.

There was one unidentified speaker from Ohio and another from Florida.

Bloomingdale, Georgia, spoke very briefly and said "Us Maddoxs would rather fight than mix".

Walter Bailey of Biloxi, Mississippi, got up and made a short talk in which he really "cussed" the Negroes, the catholics and the Jews.

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There were an estimated 3500 people at the rally, including about 100 Klansmen in robes. It is estimated that more than 600 cars were in the parking lot.

People started leaving the rally shortly after it started but there were still about 200 people present at 11:30 PM, and the rally was still going on.

Signs on the road leading to the site of the rally proclaimed this was the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Klan.

A collection was taken up at the rally and the money was kept by James R. Venable. Venable said the collection amounted to only about \$50 and that would take care of expense of the breakfast on Sunday morning for the delegates and guests at the national meeting.

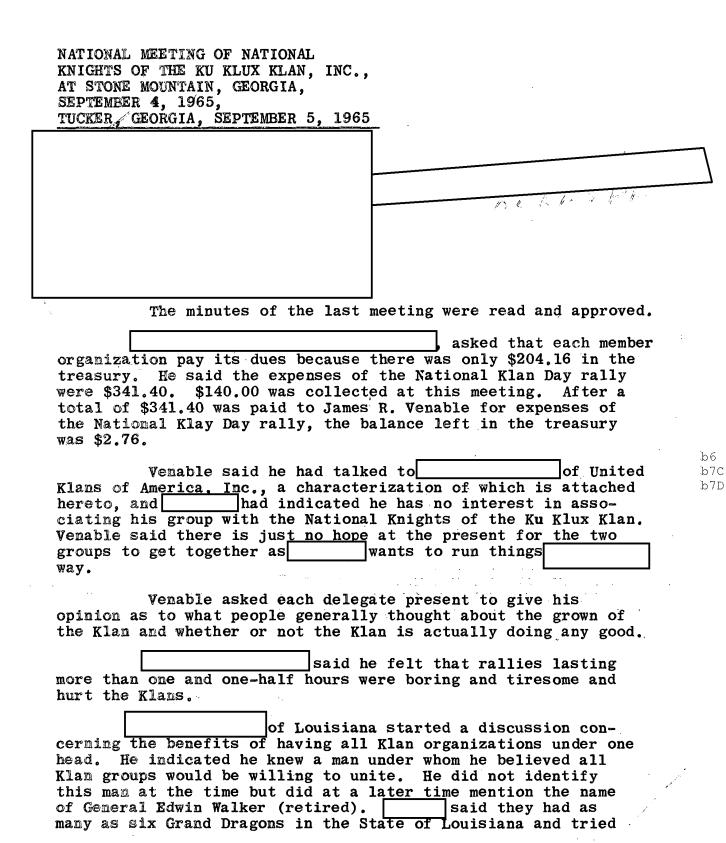
The national meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was held in the Carl Garmon Building, Tucker, Georgia, on September 5, 1965 and started at 10:02 AM, after breakfast was served in the hall. There were a large number of guests and non-delegates, so the delegates retired to the office of James R. Venable in the same building to hold their national meeting.

The following individuals were present as delegates to the national meeting:

National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

James R. Atlanta, Imperial	Georgia

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to unite them under one head but could not do so.

A motion was made by ______ that this question of uniting under one man be taken back by the delegates to their individual Klan organizations to discuss and to agree upon someone they would be willing to serve as the head of all Klans in the United States. The delegates would then come back in the not too distant future and vote on the individual they would like to lead all the Klans.

A motion was made and passed that Klam members and friends be urged to write to their Congressmen to tell them the Klam is opposed to Bill No. 25-A relating to immigration.

said he would like to have a rally in Cornet (?) County, Texas, where "Lady Bird" Johnson is from, on October 23, 1965, which he said is the date that President Johnson is starting an investigation of the Klans in that part of Texas. He wants it to be a nationwide rally with all Klans represented. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM with a prayer

The meeting was followed by an initiation and ceremony for new members in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klam, the individual Klam not to be confused with the national organization.

Walter Bailey of the Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Biloxi, Mississippi, and Walter Rogers and family, Tallahassee, Florida, United Florida Ku Klux Klan, were present at the breakfast but not at the national meeting.

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	The Atlanta and Cincinnati Offices are being furnished appropriate copies of the LHM for their files.
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The LHM is being classified confidential since info attributed to these two sources could reasonably result in the identification of individuals presently being developed as informants in the racial field and thereby compromise their future effectiveness.

The Cleveland Office is effecting coverage of instant NKKKK rally and initiation through the Medina County Sheriff's Office as well as informants and the situation will be closely followed.

The Atlanta and Cincinnati Offices are requested to sutel any info bearing on instant NKKKK rally and initiation.

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Cleveland, Ohio

September 15, 1965

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NKKKK Rally September 18, 1965, and NKKKK Initiation September 19, 1965, Near Lodi, Ohio

A Confidential Source, contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, on September 15, 1965, advised of the receipt of an undated letter from Ohio Organizer of the NKKKK from Oregonia, Ohio, advising of a NKKKK rally to be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM, Saturday, September 18, 1965, at a farm located at U. S. Highway No. 224 and County Road No. 28, two and one-half miles West of Lodi, Ohio. This letter notes that "people" from Georgia will be attending; that there will be speakers at the burning of a firey cross. The letter continues that an initiation of new members into the NKKKK will be held at the same location at 10:00 AM, Sunday, September 19, 1965. This letter continues that the receiver should tell no one of the initiation and that the letter will serve as a pass to the initiation. Further that everyone will be assigned to a Klavern in the next couple of weeks.

confidential Source, contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, on September 15, 1965, confirmed the above information. He related that the NKKKK rally will not be as large as the last NKKKK rally held August 21 and 22, 1965, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, inasmuch as the forthcoming rally was given very little newspaper publicity. This

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This source noted that no violence is anticipated and there is no indication to date that anti-Klan groups will demonstrate against the rally. However, he did disclose that a .38 caliber pistol and a British rifle were previously brought into the ______ rarm for "self protection" should any anti-Klan groups or individuals take direct action with arms against the Klan.

Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio, on September 15, 1965, advised he was cognizant of the NKKKK functions to be held near Lodi, Ohio, on September 18 and 19, 1965. He noted that his department has jurisdiction inasmuch as the property in question is in the county and further that he anticipates that his department will take the necessary action to prevent the possibility of any violence.

A characterization of the NKKKK appears as an appendix attached hereto.

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TUCKER, GEORGIA AND

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SCHEDULED SPEAKERS AT THE RALLY ARE JAMES R. VENABLE, GRAND

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This matter was clarified on 9/10/65, when furnished a copy of the following letter:

"P.O. Box 415, Buchanan, Ga. Sept. 9th 1965

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"Dear Klansman

"After a few days of meditation about the confusion, misunderstanding and exchange of harsh words between some 'Klansmen' in your room Saturday night, it seems to me some clarification is urgently needed there to avoid a repetition of the same. Hence this letter.

"First of all let me state that after spending the summer in Ohio trying to pick up the pieces and start the KLAN anew I felt that I had found the Four men who had the necessary intelligence and ability to build the KLAN in Ohio. Those four men were and are

You four, working as a team, without jealousies and friction between you can build the KLAN. With this in mind, I so stated this fact before the Imperial Kloncilliam Friday night. Along with my intention to follow through with this plan. There was no audible objection to this plan in the meeting and if objections there were going to be, this was the proper place to bring them in, in fact the only place. You can perhaps begin to understand my complete surprise at the statement by Klansman Venable to Klansman Harris that no one had the authority to appoint anyone in Ohio and besides the appointments were premature.

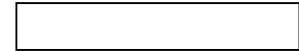
"Now a word to clarify the status of the KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN and The NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN INC. They being two different and distinct organizations. The NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN INC has an Imperial Wizard namely James R. Venable. The KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN which you

and I and every Klansman in the State of Ohio belong to is governed by an Imperial Kloncilliam who have elected an Emperor and delegated to him certain powers ordinarily exercised by the Imperial Wizard. The Emperor of the KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KIAN happens to be me at the present time. The Imperial Wizard of The NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN has no more authority over our KLAN than does the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans or any other Klan group or visa versa. Klansman Venable being a member of the Imperial Kloncilliam of the KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN has as much authority as any other member and no more. His authority in the NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN is absolute. Any time the Imperial Kloncilliam wishes to elect an Imperial Wizard or delete my delegated authority in anyway as a matter of course they are free to do so. In the meantime I fully intend to exercise the authority vested in me by the Imperial Kloncilliam without fear and without favor when necessary. will state further that I fully intend to live and act according to the constitution of the Order as its Supreme Law. Any other course invites disrespect for authority and anarchy would follow. I will do this with the full knowledge that I am no more immune from its provisions than is its newest member.

"I hope that this will clear up for good the existing confusion and that all Klansmen who are willing to live by its provisions and constitutional requirements will forget their petty and childish differences, divest themselves of the troublemakers in their midst and move forward in a solid phalanax of strength to face a common foe. I understand that Harris, Stephens and Annabelle will meet in Columbus this Sunday to further formulate plans for our progress. I personally urge you to meet with them and to remain a vital part of the team.

"In conclusion realizing fully my own capacity for human error and wishing to avoid as much damage to the KLAN as possible, all appointments will be on a temporary basis so that if a mistake is made it can be quickly remedied.

"Thanking you and yours for past courtesies and assuring you of my continued respect and friendship I beg to remain: yours for GOD HOME RACE and COUNTRY and IN THE SACRED AND UNFAILING BOND.



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"Copies to all members of the Imperial Kloncilliam."

In view of the above, it is apparent that National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are two separate organizations. Therefore, Atlanta is separating the material regarding these two organizations and National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. will be carried in file 157-60, and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will be followed in file 157-916.

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Identify and conduct necessary background investigation to determine if he is associated with the NKKKK, Inc.

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To: SAC. **Atlanta** (157-60)(157-168)Mrector, FBI

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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Atlanta's last report dated 6/30/65 in connection with National Knights of the Ku Klux Flan Inc. reflected information that James R. Venable and had been cooperating to form a new Klan organization to be known as Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. has furnished your office with information relating to the formation of this new organization. You should insure that your office and all auxiliary offices promptly conduct investigation to determine the extent of influence of the newly-formed group.

Referenced airtel indicates an apparent conflict between Venable and ____ as to authority of each and also hay be attempting indicates the possibility that to usurp power he has not been granted.

statement that all klansmen in the State of Ohio are governed by the new organization is difficult to reconcile with the fact that some apparently became members prior to the formation of the new organization.

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Airtel to SAC, Atlanta
Re: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka
ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

This investigation should include efforts to determine whether Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has obtained a State Charter distinct from the Charter issued in 1963 to the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

If investigation determines that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is, in fact, a separate and distinct organization, the Atlanta Office should promptly submit a comprehensive report on that organization.

The Bureau should be kept advised of developments.

NOTE:

has furnished information concerning the formation of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK) to consolidate Klan endeavors. He has advised that James R. Venable were cooperating in this endeavor. informant has been able to furnish information concerning the b2 organization of this group and the identity of some of its b6 leaders. Current airtel from Atlanta indicates that b7C has been elected to the position of "Emperor" and indicates b7D that the KKKK and the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are definitely separate and distinct organizations. organization is apparently claiming all the members in Ohio as its own and this may be a power maneuver by to oust Venable from any position of authority. In view of the possibility of the development of a new Klan, organization with a sizeable membership, Atlanta should pursue the investigation vigorously and keep the Bureau advised.

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source quoted is who is known to the Bureau and who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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THE LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT BURLINGTON, KENTUCKT

Follow and report results of instant proposed rally.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Louisville, Kentucky September 22, 1965



NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

On September 20, 1965, a source advised that

source recently was advised by
also known as that on the weekend
of September 24, 1905, specific date not yet known,
the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is scheduled to have
a rally on the "Hatton farm" on Camp Ernst Road, south
of Burlington, Kentucky, in Boone County, Kentucky.
Source further determined that this rally is supposed
to be advertised in the Boone County Recorder, a weekly
newspaper published in Burlington, Kentucky, on Wednesday,
September 22, 1965.
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according to source, is a "radical"
type individual who is a staunch segregationist. Source
considers to be mentally ill and prone to violence
Source further advised that despite the above
advised recently that he would not take part in any Klan
sponsored violence but would work actively to recruit
new members.
On September 20, 1965, the above information
was furnished to Boone County Sheriff, Mel Collins,
Burlington, Kentucky, and Kentucky State Police Detective
(National Academy) who also covers Boone
County, Kentucky. Subsequently, Sheriff Collins advised
from his personal knowledge and review of his tax records,
the only Hatton family in the vicinity owning a farm is
, Union, Kentucky, which is situated near an
intersection with Boone County, Kentucky.

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On August 20, 1965

advised that one

Florence, Kentucky, was initiated

into the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on
August 16, 1965, during an initiation
ceremony which took place on the farm of
Porkie Scott, Rural Route, Oregonia, Ohio.

Information concerning the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, is set forth in the appendix of this memorandum.

An article in the September 20, 1965, issue of the Courier Journal, a daily Louisville, Kentucky, newspaper of general circulation, reported that William Hugh Morris of Georgia, identified as the Klan Emperor of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, had said there would be a rally the weekend of September 24 - 26, 1965, at a location identified only as being 20 miles south of Covington, Kentucky.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FD-323

Louisville, Kentucky September 22, 1965

Title

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Reference

Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Contact with source mentioned has been insufficient to determine reliability.

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CV 100-10261 The identities of the sources utilized in the LHM are set forth as follows: SYMBOL UTILIZED IDENTITY OF SOURCE b6 b7C b7D The LHM is classified confidential because information reported from ould reasonably result in the identification of informants and individuals under development as informants of continuing value and thereby compromise their future effectiveness. For the information of the Bureau, close liaison was maintained with law enforcement agencies participating in the control of the NKKKK functions of September 18 and 19, 1965, and they were immediately and continually afforded pertinent information coming to the attention of the Cleveland Office. In addition, liaison was established with the U. S. Secret Service and G-2 in view of their immediate interest in this matter. The Bureau will note in regard to referenced Cincinnati

although it was possible that

teletype that no "illegal automatic weapon" was found in the search

such a weapon could exist and was disposed of in the event the OSHP

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	surveillance of the trailer was detected enroute. It is also possible that the source was mistaken as to the exact nature of this weapon and it may have been one of those actually seen during the search of trailer by the Medina County Sheriff's Office.
	For the information of the Atlanta Office, Racial Informant - Probationary, during a private discussion with on concerning the possibility of anti-Klan violence, was advised by In this connection
] 	that is identical to the individual he met at the NKKKK National Rally held at Stone Mountain. Georgia, over the Laboration Day, 1965, whom he knew then only as and the information was furnished to Atlanta in source's informant report has been a Klan member since the came to instant rally with who does not appear to have the same high degree of interest in the Klan and they arrived in a maroon colored bearing 1965 Georgia license
	The above information was not incorporated into the LHM inasmuch as source was which could lead to his identity as an FBI source. However, this information is being specifically brought to the attention of the Atlanta Office in the event the
	Atlanta Office should be called upon to cope with this situation at a later date. The Cleveland Office will further develop and report any additional information resulting from instant NKKKK activity.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Cleveland, Ohio September 20, 1965

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

NKKKK Rally September 18, 1965 and NKKKK Initiation September 19, 1965, Near Lodi, Ohio

Sheriff Norman J. Stuart, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio during September 18 and 19, 1965, furnished information concerning the functions of the NKKKK held on September 18 and 19, 1965 at the farm of Early Reusch, located on County Road No. 28, off U. S. Highway 224, two and one-half miles West of Lodi, Medina County, Ohio.

A characterization of the NKKKK appears as an Appendix attached hereto.

Sheriff Stuart advised that a Rally of the NKKKK commenced at approximately 10:00 AM, September 18, 1965, on the farm of and continued until about 9:15 PM when a thirty foot wooden cross was burned. At about 6:00 PM speeches eulogizing the Klan and the Klan movement as well as the need of segregation of the white and Negro races were given by various Klan officials.

Sheriff Stuart noted that approximately two hundred individuals attended the Rally. He noted that the entire area was kept under observation, although, no automobiles were stopped and searched to determine if weapons were being taken into the rally site. He stated that no automobiles were stopped to preclude the possibility of an allegation of harassment or that the Sheriff's Office was interferring with the Klans right to assemble.

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Sheriff Stuart advised that on September 19, 1965, the NKKKK continued its activities at the Reusch farm which included two separate initiations for new members which were held in secret sessions in one of the farm buildings on the Reusch property. Stuart estimates approximately one hundred fifty individuals were on the Reusch property at this time although he had no idea of the number of individuals who were initiated into the NKKKK.

Sheriff Stuart also advised that he entered upon the Reusch property during the morning of September 19, 1965, armed with a search warrant issued by the Court of Common Pleas for Medina County, Medina, Ohio. He noted that he located a .32 caliber automatic revolver and a .22 caliber rifle in a car belonging to Charles Bacelieri of Columbus, Ohio. He also searched a small be house trailer belonging to a a Klansman from book Grove City, Ohio, wherein he located a shotgun and a .38 caliber book Smith and Wesson Pistol. Inasmuch as the above noted guns were not in the possession of any individual, no one was arrested and the guns were not confiscated.

During the search James R. Venable, National Chairman of the NKKKK, and Parkie Scott, Ohio Organizer of the NKKKK, both orally objected to Stuart regarding his search on the Reusch property, although they made no attempt to interfere with the search.

During the search it was apparent to Sheriff Stuart
that was highly upset over the search and he,
informed that the NKKKK would hold a NKKKK Rally in Ohio every
week. Sheriff Stuart replied to the effect that every time the NKKKK
holds a rally in Medina County that the NKKKK would find
the Medina County Sheriff's Office carrying out its duty to prevent
any violence. Sheriff Stuart felt that was highly irritated
over the presence of his department at the Rally site and in
particular the search and was so advising him of the weekly
meetings as a form of harassment.

contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, on September 18, 1965, informed that he learned that a group of NKKKK leaders from Ohio were at the farm of during the late evening of September 17, 1965, in preparation for the NKKKK functions of September 18 and 19, 1965. These individuals stayed overnight to guard the Reusch property.

RE: NKKKK
Souther admind that he learned that the Vlangman
further advised that he learned that the Klansmen possessed between ten and twelve hand weapons together with
ammunition and that at least part of the firearms were hidden in
a hav barn on the Reusch property.
MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
At approximately 10:30 - 11:00 PM, September 17, 1965,
an Ohio NKKKK leader from Grove City, Ohio, arrived in a private car accompanied by two or three Klansmen from
Kentucky. learned that house trailer, which usually
accompanies him to NKKKK functions, was to arrive later at the site.
However, to the best of his knowledge, the trailer was
not being utilized for the Klan to transport firearms.
describes Smith's trailer as a small camping type house trailer, about ten to twelve feet long, predominantly white in color
although there may be a minor contrasting color, and can be easily
identified by Klan stickers appearing on the outside of the
trailer. noted that as of the earlier AM of September
18, 1965, that instant trailer had not yet arrived at the Reusch be
farm although he observed it at the site during the early afternoon be of September 18, 1965.
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ontinued that he would estimate several hundred
attended the Rally on September 18, 1965, and that James R. Venable
and of the NKKKK, represented the
national organization and gave speeches at the Rally. Venable and arrived at Cleveland, Ohio from Atlanta, Georgia by way
of a United Airlines flight which arrived at approximately 2:00 PM.
They were picked up at the Cleveland Airport by
and arrived at the Rally site at approximately 3:30 PM.
On September 19, 1965, noted that the secret
initiation of new Klans members into the NKKKK was held in the hay
barn on the Reusch farm. Klansmen attired in black pants and
black shirts guarded the outside of the barn to forestall
a possibility of a raid by the Sheriff's Office and likewise
Klan guards were stationed by each window on the inside of the barn to prevent anyone from looking into the barn to witness the
secret ceremonies. advised that the secret ceremony
took place at exactly 10:30 AM and that anyone not present at
that time was excluded from entering.

RE: NKKKK	
advised that approximately seventy-five individual were initiated into the NKKKK as Probationary Klansmen.	ls
further noted that a secret initiation was held at approximately 3:00 PM to accommodate those individuals who were late for the first initiation. Approximately eighteen individuals were initiated and this ceremony was shortened to approximately forty-five minutes in contrast to the three hour initiation in the morning.	
revealed that Venable and departed the Reusch farm following the last initiation in order to catch a United or Trans World Airlines flight departing Cleveland at approximately 6:05 PM for Atlanta.	
advised that he learned that the NKKKK contemplate only one more Rally in Ohio for this year and that both Columbus and Youngstown, Ohio are under consideration.	es b2 b6
contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, on September 18, 1965, informed that he would estimate approximately seventy-five individuals were at the NKKKK Rally during the afternoon of that date at the farm of lear Lodi, Ohio. He noted that James R. Venable and arrived at the site by car at about 3:30 PM. The car bore Ohio license plates and was driven by	b7 b7
stated that he spoke to Venable and and they were dismayed over the presence of the Medina County Sheriff's Office, although automobiles entering the Rally site were not being stopped and searched. These individuals anticipated no trouble with anti-Klan demonstrators inasmuch as they learned that the Sheriff's Office was not allowing pickets near the Rally site.	-
on September 19, 1965, informed that at exactly 10:30 AM, September 19, 1965, a secret initiation of individuals into the NKKKK commenced in the hay barn on the Reusch farm and ended at approximately 1:15 PM.	

RE: NKKKK

The officiating Klansmen wore robes and hoods and the barn was locked, and at each window a Klans guard was posted. In front of the robed Klansmen was a table draped with a flag of the United States and a confederate flag. On top of the flags was a Bible, a butcher knife and a ceremonial container of baptismal water. Prior to the commencement of the ceremonies those about to be initiated were given a chance to leave should they have an ulterior motive for joining.

Initiation speeches were given by James R. Venable,

and an unidentified woman from
Georgia. The new members were warned that they would be
continuously watched and that the Klan was aware that the FBI
would try to infiltrate the NKKKK as they had done so in the past.
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members be found to be working on behalf of the FBI that they
would meet with serious consequences.
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who has furnished reliable information in the past,
on September 18, 1965, informed that
Youngstown, Ohio, departed Youngstown that date to participate
in an anti-Klan picket demonstration that evening at a NKKKK Rally
being held near Lodi, Ohio. hoted that the were organizing, this picket demonstration under the name of the
Ohio Friends of Mae Mallory Committee." Further that the name
"Ohio Friends of Mae Mallory Committee" was used in a recent
picket demonstration against the NKKKK Rally held August 21 and
22, 1969, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohiohoted
thais a member of the Workers World Party (WWP) and
for the Monroe Defense Committee (MDC).

RE: NKKKK

who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 2, 1964, identified Ted Dostal as a member of the WWP and of the National Committee of the WWP as of September 7, 1964.	
on September 2, 1963, advised that was in attendance at the WWP Labor Day Conference held in New York City on August 31,	1963

A characterization of the WWP and MDC appears as an Appendix attached hereto.

Sheriff Norman J. Stuart advised that approximately 8:00 FM, September 18, 1965, thirty-one individuals, mostly of college age, and both of the white and Negro races, appeared at the Rally site to protest the present of the NKKKK in Ohio. They identified themselves as the "Ohio Friends of Mae Mallory Committee."

Sheriff Stuart noted that he made these demonstrators stay on the South side of U. S. Highway 224 well away from the Rally site in order to prevent the possibility of violence. These demonstrators remained at this location until the cross was burned and they then departed.

In addition, Sheriff Stuart noted that at 4:00 AM, September 19, 1964, ten college age boys and girls appeared at the vicinity of the Rally site with the intent to picket the Rally. They identified themselves as students from Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio. They were prevented from entering the Rally site and they therefore departed.

Sheriff Stuart noted that no violence or any incidents accomanied these anti-Klan demonstrations.

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MONROE DEFENSE COMMITTEE (MDC) CLEVELAND, OHIO

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APPENDIX

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

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The source stated this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of Leon Trotsky and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved cooperation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery - individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to the source, advocates unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On May 12, 1960, the source advised this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party.

On May 3, 1965, source advised the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The	confidential source is b2 SI, who is used to characterize the persons named by him. b6 b7D following were notified on 9/17/65, of the KKK ntended counter-picketing by S
	, Intelligence Unit, Columbus PD; Headquarters, OSHP, Columbus, Ohio; 109th INTC Group, Columbus, Ohio.

One copy each of the LHM is being furnished to OSI, WPAFB; ONI, Columbus, Ohio; 109th INTC, Columbus; and two copies to U.S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Ohio Police Department, advised he had received information

of Grove City, Ohio, and five others, described by

from a reliable confidential source known to him that

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Cincinnati, Ohio September 29, 1965

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On September 17, 1965,

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On September 17, 1965, a confidential source advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation he had learned that a group of individuals from Columbus, Ohio, planned to utilize two automobiles driven by	
County on September 18, 1965, for the purpose of counter- picketing that rally. That source did not know the departure time of the counter-pickets from Columbus, Ohio, or the route they planned to utilize.	

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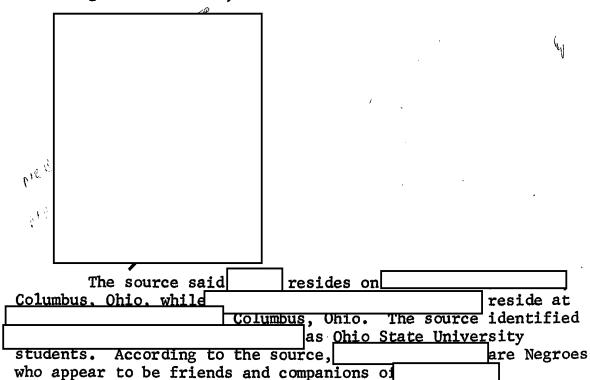
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That source said he had learned the following individuals were expected to constitute the counter-pickets traveling from Columbus, Ohio:



On September 20, 1965, the same source stated that he had ascertained on September 19, 1965, that the individuals named above reportedly traveled to Medina County, Ohio, on September 18, 1965, to counter-picket against the Ku Klux Klan rally held on that date.

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who has furnished reliable i	nformation in the
past, advised in March, 1964	, that
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The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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as among the participants in a demonstration at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Fairborn, Ohio, on August 6, 1965, held in commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, and protesting United States actions in Vietnam.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE

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Reference

Cincinnati letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

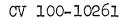
confidential source is one who has furnished insufficient information to determine his reliability but who was in a position to obtain the information furnished by him.

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	TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168) FROM: SAC, CIEVEIAND (100-10261) RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KIAN, INC. (NKKKK) RACIAL MATTERS - KIAN	
	On 10/1/65, (NA), PD, Akron, Ohio, furnished the following information:	
	On 9/30/65, Akron, Ohio, appeared at the Akron PD on his own volition and conferred with and other officials of this department. He identified himself as the Akron, Ohio organizer of the NKKKK. He gave his address as set forth above and said he is a maintenance mechanic for the Ceal Kote Company in Cleveland, Ohio, actually located in Berea, Ohio. He said he plans on forming an NKKKK protest meeting on 10/18-19/65 at Goodyear Metropolitan Park, Newton Street, Akron. He explained he wanted to rent the Shelter House in that park and wanted to know what procedure to follow. He said the meeting was not an actual protest but designed to see that justice would be served in the forthcoming trial of which commences 10/18/65 in Akron.	b b
	For the information of the Bureau, both Negroes, were arrested in Akron in April, 1905, for the shooting of three officers of the Akron PD. Officer was fatally wounded and	
	were both critically wounded. The latter two remain partially paralyzed as a result of their wounds. were being arrested as armed robbery suspects. is to commence 10/18/65. The trial for will be subsequent to the three officers involved are all white. 3 - Bureau (RM) 2 - Cleveland (1- 157-222) (RACIAL SITUATION, Akron) (2- 1365)	19
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According to at the end of the interview with he had not yet decided if he would carry through his initial plans.	

Pertinent developments re this matter will be immediately reported to the Bureau.

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Director, FEC 58 (157-168)

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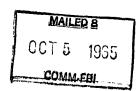
Submit information set forth in referenced airtel in letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Disseminate locally to appropriate intelligence agencies.

Continue to follow and submit developments in form suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE:

Referenced airtel sets forth information concerning proposed protest meeting on 10/18/65 designed to see that 'justice would be served' in the trial of a Negro accused of participating in the shooting of three officers of the Akron Police Department.



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	pre-paid Wizard, N. Georgia. [Oakland, Dallas-Fo. VENABLE tand somet	on this date advised that 5 an individual who identified himself as from Oakland, California, made a telephone call to JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial ational Knights of KKK, Inc., at Tucker, stated he is a resident of California, but formerly resided in the rt Worth, Texas area. He allegedly told hat Oakland is over-running with Negroes hing should be done and asked for suggestions BLE. Informant said VENABLE offered nons.	
	following	stated he could be reached at the telephone numbers:	V
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The above numbers are all Oakland, California numbers.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and San Francisco.

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1 - Mr. Herington

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, aka. RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED NEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7-22:88.87.8184

ReLSlet dated 10/11/65 and letterhead memorandum (LHM) of same date.

The "Confidential classification of LHM has been deleted since it does not appear that information set forth was so exclusively within the knowledge of that it would lead to their identification. Also, protecting the identity of these two sources does not appear to fall within purview of Executive Order 10501.

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In the future, Louisville must insure classification is justified, and if classification is not justified under Executive Order 10501, information should be suitably paraphrased to protect sources or if absolutely necessary, reported as administrative data.

Louisville advise auxiliary offices and agencies to which LHM disseminated.

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NOTE:

Louisville classified LHM "Confidential" to protect identity of informants. Information furnished by these informants appears to be known to a number of individuals, and their identity would not be jeopardized. Also, this LHM pertain to a Klan rally and there appears to be no relation to the National Defense which might justify classification.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 10/11/65

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-224) (P)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka. Association of Klans in America,

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

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RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Rally at Covington, Ky., September 25-26, 1965.

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Re Louisville airtel and LHM to Bureau dated 9/22/65, and Louisville teletype to Bureau dated 9/24/65.

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LS 157-224 Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies; for Cleveland and Memphis Divisions 1 copy each; for Atlanta Division 3 copies; for WFO 2 copies; and for Cincinnati 13 copies of a letterhead memorandum incorporating information about a rally held by captioned organization on 9/25-26/65 at Covington, Ky. By airtel of 9/29/65, the Cleveland Division advised a Racial Informant - Probationary attended that the Covington, Ky. rally and he said that while been arrested at the rally and charged with Assault and Battery for striking a newspaper reporter as not actually the nerson striking the reporter but the person so doing was a b6 LNU), who is active in Klan matters in the Cincinnati b7C **b**7D Division. This source also said that he had heard that John Doe warrants had been taken out for the arrest of a Kla believed to be from Cincinnati, Ohio, in connection with the attack on the newspaperman. The following list of license numbers were observed at the rally by members of the Kenton County, Ky. Patrol and/or the two members of the Kentucky State Police who attended the rally in an undercover capacity. The following is an explanation of the key used in the list: This license number observed by members Kenton County Patrol at the rally on 9/25/65. This license observed by members of the Kenton County Patrol at the rally on 9/26/65. 3. This license observed at the rally by the KSP members, not specifying as to the date observed. 4. According to KSP members, this license was on one of the first cars arriving at the rally and therefore felt by the KSP members to definitely belong to a Klansman. 5. According to KSP members, this license was on a car arriving early at the rally. The KSP members observed this license on the car as the car left the rally site. - 2 -

The registered owners of the following licenses are shown as determined by the Kentucky State Police:

License Number	Registered To	<u>Key</u>
	1965 KENTUCKY LICENSES	·
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License Number	Registered To	<u>Key</u>
1965	TENNESSEE LICENSES	_
		(3) (4)
above list, the Kentucky	the information shown in State Police members atte comments on their report	ending the Klan
1965 Ohio License	- Owner appeared erection of the	
1965 Ohio License	- Driver dug the	hole for the
1965 Ky. License	Delivered table the wood for the	. () .
1965 Tenn. License		up truck, driver ected the sign.
1965 Ky. License	Driven by KKKK g	uard.
1965 Ohio Licens	Shook hands wi Klansmen.	th robed
	indices of the Louisville ames in the above list dis with any names except	
concerning whom	Louisville has pending 15	cases.
in Louisville indices wa Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, the 2/2/63 issue of the	reference believed nossi s to a who, according to a news Louisville Times, a daily n official with United St	of South article in Louisville,

Union and a member of the Kentucky State Commission on Human Rights, who had been named by the Chairman of the Commission to submit recommendations for a State law in Kentucky against discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

With respect to those individuals in Kentucky on the above list whom the Kentucky State Police members indicated they feel to be Klansmen because they were among the first group at the rally, and concerning whom the Louisville indices are negative, new cases are being opened on such individuals. Concerning the remaining names on the Kentucky list, they are being indexed.

Copies of the enclosed letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, 109th INTC Group, OSI, and ONI as well as the United States Attorney, Lexington, Kentucky.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified confidential as unauthorized disclosure of the information therein could jecpardize informants of continuing value; namely,

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<u>Identity</u>	Location		
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ATLANTA, CLEVELAND AND MEMPHIS OFFICES

Above offices being furnished copies for information.

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CINCINNATI DIVISION:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Will determine registered owners of those Ohio licenses in the above list of which the owners are not already known.

WFO DIVISION:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Unless some reason is known to the contrary, determine from the Allegheny Venture Corporation, Hanger #12, Washington National Airport, the individual who was occupying that corporation's 1965 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1965 Kentucky License on 9/25-26/65.

LOUISVILLE DIVISION:

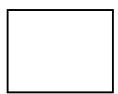
AT COVINGTON, KENTUCKY.

Will determine registered owners of remaining Kentucky licenses in above list of which owners have not already been determined by Kentucky State Police, excluding those set forth in Frankfort lead.

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AT FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY.

Will determine registered owners of following 1965 Kentucky Licenses:





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Louisville, Kentucky October 11, 1965

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National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK), Also Known As Association of Klans in America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
Rally at Covington, Kentucky
September 25-26, 1965

Attention is invited to a memorandum regarding the captioned matter, dated September 20, 1965 at Louisville, Kentucky, setting forth information to the effect that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) had scheduled a rally in Boone County, Kentucky for the weekend of September 24, 1965.

On September 24, 1965 advised that the site of the Klan rally for the weekend of September 24, 1965 had been changed from the "Fatton farm" in Boone County, Kentucky to another location then unknown to Source said that the site had been changed because had strenuously objected to holding the rally on the Hatton farm. The source further said that because the site had been changed, no announcements concerning the rally would appear in the Boone County Reporter, a weekly newspaper published in Burlington, Kentucky.

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The Cincinnati Enquirer, a Cincinnati, Ohio daily newspaper, in its issue of September 24, 1965, carried an article reporting that the NKKKK plan to hold a public recruiting rally at the ôld Sanfordtown ballfield located one mile south of Covington, Kentucky, on September 25-26, 1965.

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Parkie Scott, identified in the article as a Klan Kleagle, had told the Cincinnati Enquirer on September 23, 1965 that he expected between 500 and 10,000 persons to attend the rally; and that the scheduled speakers are James R. Venable, Atlanta, Georgia, Grand Wizard, and Hugh Morris, Grand Emperor of the NKKKK. Scott further said that the rally would include a cross burning on the evening of September 25, 1965.

The above information was telephonically furnished by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on September 24, 1965, to Chief of Police John Bornhorn, Covington, Kentucky; Chief of Folice James Callahan, Kenton County, Lookout Heights, Kentucky; First Sergeant Rufus Moberly, Kentucky State Police, Dry Ridge, Kentucky; Captain James Hughes, Kentucky State Police, Frankfort, Kentucky; Agent Paul Hutchison, 109th INTO Group, Department of the Army, Louisville, Kentucky; and Agent Thomas Quick, U. S. Secret Service, Louisville, Kentucky.

On September 25, 1965 Chief of Pol	lice James Callahan,
Kenton County, Lookout Heights, Kentucky, ac	
recruiting rally of the NKKKK was held at the	ne time and place
as advertised in the Cincinnati Enquirer. I	He said the rally
began at approximately 9:00 A.M., September	25, 1965, and
ended about 5:30 P.M., September 26, 1965.	He estimated 200
people were present on September 25, 1965, a	
were present on Sentember 26 1965 The sit	te at which the
<u>rallv was held is</u> who	resides on
South Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.	
Chief Callahan said that on the ev	vening of September 25,
1965, a cross was burned at the rally. Furt	
a minor scuffle between	for the
WCPO Radio and Television Station, Cincinnat	ti, Ohio, and two b6
men,	South Fort b70
Mitchell. Kentucky. a reported Klan member,	and
Newhort. Kenti	acky, a member of
	ere arrested by
Kenton County Police authorities on September	er 26. 1965 on
Assault and Battery warrants taken by	

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Chief Callahan further advised that also on the evening of September 25, 1965, several unidentified spectators at the rally attempted to interfere with local firemen who had arrived at the scene to put out an unauthorized bonfire. The attempted interference consisted of crimping and cutting a fire hose. The bonfire was extinguished without further incident.

Chief Callahan also said that the scheduled speakers, James R. Venable and did not appear. There were approximately 30 local, county and state policemen at the scene of the rally to observe and maintain order.

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Information concerning the NKKKK and the American Nazi Party is set forth in the Appendix to this memorandum.

An article in the September 27, 1965 issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer reported that the scuffle between Schaffer, Green and Hanna occurred when Schaffer was near the cross which was to be burned, and he was told to "Move back and shut up". He refused and several Klansmen and spectators began jeering him and calling him names, including "nigger lover". One individual, not identified, told Schaffer "Shut up or I'm going to throw you off this property personally". Schaffer began to protest the threats and was then hit in the stomach and face. Unsuccessful attempts were made to break his camera. At this point, police moved in and stopped the fighting. Schaffer reported that he had suffered an abrasion by his right eye and other bruises.

This article further reported that both Hanna and Green had protested their innocence when arrested, but gave no trouble. Green told authorities that he had rented the grounds for the rally, and officers said they also learned Green served as a security guard for the affair.

An article in the September 29, 1965 issue of The Kentucky Post and Times Star, a daily Covington, Kentucky newspaper, reported that the cases of Hanna and Green were continued on September 29, 1965 in Kenton County Court to November 3, 1965, when the defendants asked for more time to bring in out-of-town witnesses.

On September 28, 1965 advised he was in
attendance at the NKKKK rally held near Covington, Kentucky
on the evening of September 25, 1965. He said that, in his
opinion, this rally was a complete flop and neither James R.
Venshie the Typerial Wizard, nor
were in attendance.
described by the source as an old crony of Venable's, did make
an appearance and gave a speech.
said that about 15 individuals filled out
applications to join the NKKKK and paid their \$15.00 dues.
This source commented that a scuffle broke out at
the rally between a Cincinnati television
who attempted to take close-up photos of the
Klansmen and their activities at the rally. As a result of
the souffle, rom Kentucky and
from Newport, Kentucky, were arrested. This source
said that he had also heard that whom the
source describel as a Klansman from Walton, Kentucky, and
described by the source as a Klansman from
grove city, chio, will also be charged in a warrant signed
by for Assault and Battery.
The source said that among those present at the rally
xas described as a Cincinnati, Ohio Klansman,
and described as a Klansman from Oregonia, Ohio.
On September 29, 1965 Kentucky
State Police, advised that two members of the Kentucky State
Police had attended the rally of September 25-26, 1965 near
Covington, Kentucky without identifying themselves as members
of the Kentucky State Police. advised that a
report submitted by these two Kentucky State Police members
reflected the following:
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They arrived at the rally site at about 1:00 P.M.,
September 25, 1965, at which time they found no more than
15 people present. Originally, it had been planned to hold
the rally on the farm of
near Burlington, Kentucky, but the location was changed because

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of the strenuous objections of _______ The rally was held on a field rented from ______ at the intersection of KY-371 and KY-17. A crude sign had been erected advertising the rally. It was the opinion of some individuals present at the rally that John Carney is not "a right winger", and rented the field for the rally simply because he is "out to make a buck".

All arrangements for the rally were made by people from Ohio and the rally seemed to be mostly for the benefit of those people. Speakers at the rally became confused at times and referred to the audience as "you Ohio people". The purpose of the rally was a recruitment drive, but there was actually no "hard seld" dawing the speaking and an estimated 15-20 people filled out application blanks and paid their initiation Tees during the rally. The blanks had to be filled out on the spot and the ree gaid and turned in immediately.

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of Oregonia, Ohio, said to be a NKKKK organizer, made all of the advance arrangements for the rally. Scott drives a 1964 pea green Cadillac bearing 1965 Ohio License

Upon arrival at the rally, at about 1:00 P.M. on September 25, 1965, it was observed there were four black uniformed, armed guards wearing gold badges bearing the inscription "Private Watchman". Each was armed and carried wooden clubs. One carried a bull whip. A a self-styled Nazi from Newport, Kentucky, also acted as

AS He wore an army helmet, jack boots and a belt with a large brass buckle bearing a swastika. He was armed with a club and continuously postured as a storm trooper.

Throughout the day of September 25, 1965, a record player kept repeating three songs; "Dixie", "Cumberland Gap", and an anti-Negro song called "We're Gonna Kill Them Rotten Mothers".

There was no schedule for speeches and the leaders of the rally waited until approximately 7:00 P.M., September 25, 1965, when a sufficient crowd had been gathered, to start the

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speaking. The first speaker snoke for 30 or 40 minutes. was learned that he is Phonetic), of Atlanta, Georgia. He is a man about 75 years old and in his speech, he attacked Negroes, Jews and Catholics. At one point, he spotted a priest in the crowd and remarked "I see you out there with your collar turned around. Where I come from only jackasses and bull dogs wear their collars turned around. mind though, you're welcome here as the klan respects others religions as we are tolerant people." Reverend Hale criticized the Supreme Court, referring to the mambers as black robed nigger lovers. He said that President Johnson was filling the White House with "niggers" and referred to former President Kennedy and "his nigger loving ways". He attacked former White House Press Secretary Tierre Salinger, calling him a "dirty Jew". He lasked cut at "oo s" and "the nigger loving courts". He called upon those in the audience to stop being cowards and join the NKKKK. Reverend Hale at no point, however, stated what the Klan stood for except it was against Negroes, Jews and Catholics.

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The second speaker spoke along the same lines as and was named (First Name Unknown) who said he worked for the National Cash Register Company in Dayton, Ohio, was born in Knott County, Kentucky and went to Ohio as a youth. He is a member of the Dayton, Ohio Klavern which meets in a barn on the Parkey Scott farm at Oregonia, Ohio.
In his speech, attacked the press. He also said "And you good Kentucky people have got a nigger loving governor who let them coons lay in the capitol building a couple of years ago and didn't do anything about it." This was the only direct reference made to Kentucky by the speakers, except Thacker referred to Louisville, Kentucky as a "nigger loving town".
After had been speaking for about 20 minutes, several fire trucks from the nearby Southern Hills Volunteer Fire Department began passing back and forth on KY-17 with their sirens and bells going full blast, resulting in the audience being unable to hear however, kept speaking. After a few minutes, the fire trucks left. Prior to the appearance of the fire trucks, there were approximately

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200 people present at the rally, but the noise of the sirens from the fire trucks caused the crowd to build up to about 400. The fire trucks returned after about five minutes and were followed by six Kenton County, Kentucky patrolmen. They proceeded to attempt to extinguish a bonfire of tires which were burning near the Klan cross. This started some scuffling between the Klan guards, Klansmen, firemen and members of the Kenton County patrol. Someone out the fire hose and the fire burned for about thirty minutes more before it was finally put out. The fire chief said he had received a complaint that the fire had been built without a permit, although it appeared to the growd the fire trucks came to the scene to harass the rally. An agreement was reached between the Chief of the Kenton County Patrol and the Klan leaders that the cross could be burned. After things quieted down, continued to speak for another five or ten minutes.

The next speaker was a woman dressed in robe. Her name was said to be	a solid red etic), and
she was from Atlanta, Georgia. She and	had
arrived at the rally site together in a 1904 maroc	n Kambier
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NKKKK. She said she is years old, has been in	the Klan
for years. She asked all women in the audience	to get close
to lad rostrum, which was an old truck bed; but no	women did
so. She told the women present that they should h	ave nothing
to do with "them dirty niggers", and that the menf	olks could
do only so much to protect them. She referred to	Martin Luther
King as Martin Luther Joon. In her talk, she gene	rally followed
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At 10:00 P.M., September 25, 1965, a cross was set on fire. It was announced that "all the faithful join hands around the cross". About 50 persons formed a ring around the cross and six Klansmen in robes gathered inside the group and started walking around the cross. The cross was lit. At this point, and newsreel man from Cincinnati, tried to get through the circle of people to take pictures. He was grabbed by two of the Klan guards and struck several times. The two guards were then joined by

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APPENDIX

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GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

In his book "This Time The World", copyrighted in 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leader", a Richmond, Virginia daily newspaper, reported that George Lincoln Rockwell had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that Rockwell's party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964, a source advised that the ANP-WUFENS was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that Rockwell is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold; namely, first "to make ourselves known to the

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masses"; second "the dissemination of our program and the truth about the Farty"; third "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda"; and fourth "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses".

On February 17, 1964 of the ANP, advised that

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George Lincoln Rockwell believes that he has completed the first two phases of his struggle for power and is now well into the third phase. Allen said, however, in his opinion, Rockwell has only completed phase one.

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UNACED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Louisville, Kentucky October 11, 1965

Title:

National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,

Inc., (NKKKK), Aka. Association of Klans in America, Knights of the Ku

Klux Klan

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference:

Letterhead memorandum, dated

October 11, 1965, at Louisville,

Kentucky.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, were the 2 candidates for this position disqualified himself for voting and each of the candidates got 3 votes. It was decided that a mail ballot would be sent to those members of the Imperial Kloncillium who were not present.	b2 b6 b7C b7D
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advised on 10/12/65 that the ballots had not yet been returned and an Imperial Wizard has not yet been elected for Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Georgia).

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SAC, CINCINNATI (157-00-55)

SUBJECT:

INVESTIGATIONS OF KLAN ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS NACYAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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Re Burenu airtel to Atlanta, 10/5/65.

1) Investigation and information developed and established to date by the Cincinnati Division has disclosed no emisting Klan organizations active within the Cincinnati Division. However, edvaral Klan rallies have been held at Gregonia and Combridge, Ohio, in recent months. The relly at Oregonia, Chie, was steged in conjunction with Heights of the Ky Klan Flam - Georgia, whose organization handquarters are located at Tucker, Georgia, CI file 157-786, Bureau file 157-2850, OO:AT.

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Radiogram to SACs, Cincinnati and Philadelphia Re: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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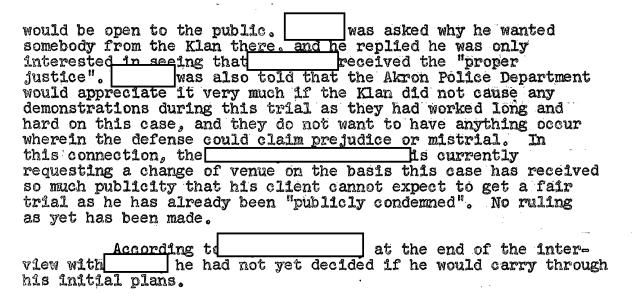
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Re: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLAX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)



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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., (NKKKK). KLAN.

CHIEF CHARLES SPERBER, STRONGSVILLE, OHIO PD. THIS DATE ADVISED THAT NKKKK HELD FIVE HOUR GATHERING ON A FARM LOCATED AT STRONGSVILLE OCT. SEVENTEE! LAST. PD HAD NO ADVANCE INFO AND ONLY LEARNED OF AFFAIR WHEN NEIGHBORING FARMER COMPLAINED TO PD OF LARGE NUMBER OF CARS GOING INTO NEIGHBORS FARM.

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The format for a report on Klan organizations, as noted in the Manual of Instructions, Section 122A, Item b(1) through (6), Page 1, was not utilized as instant report deals primarily with recruiting activities of the NKKKK, and no klaverns have been established in the Cleveland Division to date, nor have such officers been appointed.

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Synopsis:

NKKKK held initial Northern Ohio recruiting Rally 8/21 and 22/65, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio; and other NKKKK Rally and initiation held 9/18 and 19/65, near Lodi, Ohio. Both rallies were protested by pickets who represented "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee", W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America, as well as some individuals with CP background. Initial rally considered success although subsequent rally considered a failure. Estimates of individuals initiated into NKKKK membership, 9/19/65, range from 50-100 persons. NKKKK presently considering having NKKKK observers at the forthcoming Akron, Ohio trial of a Negro accused of killing a white police officer to see that the Negro receives "proper justice".

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A characterization of the NKKKK appears as an Appendix attached hereto.

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- A. NKKKK RALLY AT BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP, OHIO, AUGUST 21 AND 22, 1965
- 1. Cancellation of Original NKKKK Rally Site at Strongsville, Ohio

Chief of Police CHARLES B. SPERBER, Strongsville Police Department, Strongsville, Ohio, on August 17, 1965, informed that the NKKKK plans to hold a rally on Saturday, August 21, 1965, at Strongsville, Ohio. The site of the rally is a vacant 14-acre tract of land which is situated on Whitney Road and a few hundred feet east of Pearl Road (U.S. Highway 42). The tract of land has a frontage of 790 feet on Whitney Road and can be readily located, inasmuch as it abuts the Howard Johnson Restaurant and Motel which is located on the southeast corner of Whitney Road and U.S. Highway 42 and in the immediate proximity of Interchange 10 of the Ohio Turnpike, Strongsville, Ohio.

Chief SPERBER informed that sometime during the latter part of July or early August, 1965, an individual who identified himself as of Lebanon, Ohio, contacted him. at which time he stated that he of the NKKKK and that the NKKKK was the Ohid was considering several sites in Strongsville, Ohio, for a rally to be held August 21, 1965. stated that he was contacting Strongsville, Ohio authorities inasmuch as he wanted to comply with the local laws and wished to determine if a permit were needed for such a meeting. said there would be no violence and that drinking and carrying of guns would be prohibited. Chief SPERBER noted that was advised no permit would be required and such an assembly on private property would not be a violation of any local ordinances. Chief SPERBER continued to say that related the purpose of the meeting would be to register individuals for Klan membership. Registration would commence at 6:00 AM and continue through to 8:00 PM. From 8:00 PM until 10:00 PM,

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there would be a Klan-type religious ceremony, followed by the burning of a cross. He advised that the Klansmen would not wear hoods and also noted that Klan registration is now open to "Catholics". ladded that the speaker for this rally would be JAMES R/XVENABLE, National Chairman of the NKKKK, from Georgia. had no estimate of the number of people expected at the rally, although he noted that at a similar NKKKK Rally held during May, 1965, at Lebanon, Ohio, only about a few hundred people were expected, and they were surprised when 8,000 showed up. In this connection, stated that they were seeking a site for the rally which would be easily accessible to individuals wishing to attend the rally and also near a major highway where the activity could be viewed from the road in order to entice people to enter.

Chief SPERBER stated he subsequently learned that property from for the August 21, 1905 date. He also learned that VAMES R. VENABLE would arrive in the Cleveland area on August 20, 1965, from Stone Mountain. Georgia, and that VENABLE would be accompanied by Klan from Atlanta, Georgia, who is the Klan of Augusta, Georgia, who is a Klan

Chief SPERBER also noted that he has learned of an unconfirmed rumor that 2,000 Negroes from the Ford Motor Company, Brookpark, Ohio, will picket the rally. The Ford Motor Company was contacted, at which time it was learned that the Ford Motor Company employs approximately 8,000 Negroes at their Brookpark plant; however, a Ford Company official doubted that any of these Negroes would picket the NKKKK Rally, inasmuch as they are working seven days a week; work a considerable amount of overtime each day; and are very well off financially to participate in any such activity. This Ford Company official also noted that in the event there was such a plan, this would have to come to the attention of the management through their company "sources".

Chief SPERBER advised that his entire department is alerted and that the area of the rally will be heavily patrolled to exclude the possibility of any violence. He noted that the Ohio State Highway Patrol has been alerted, and they will have "up to 100 men" on standby for immediate movement into the area, should there be any sign of violence.

Chief SPERBER concluded that there was strong local opposition to the proposed NKKKK meeting and that legal action is presently contemplated by the Howard Johnson Restaurant Corporation to prevent the occurrence of this meeting.

2. NKKKK Activities of August 21 and 22, 1965

Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio, during August 21 and 22, 1965, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, furnished information which is set forth as follows:

The NKKKK meeting commenced at 6:00 AM, August 21, 1965, on located at the

County Brunswick Hills Township, Medina County, Ohio. This meeting of the NKKKK was originally scheduled to be held in Strongsville, Ohio, but was switched at the last moment to the Brunswick Hills Township location due to strong opposition in Strongsville, Ohio.

Twelve checkpoints were jointly set up by the Medina County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol at all access points leading into the meeting area. At these points, all cars entering the area were physically searched for weapons, as well as a screening of occupants to exclude the possibility of admitting individuals who could be a cause of possible trouble. During the course of the two-day affair, some 25 weapons were confiscated. These weapons included revolvers, rifles, shotguns, baseball bats, knives, and a tear gas bomb. Approximately 300 law enforcement officers were on hand at the scene of the rally site and checkpoints during the two-day period.

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A Law Enforcement Command Post was set up on a farm on U. S. Highway 42 across from the NKKKK rally site, and arrangements were made to reinforce law enforcement officers present in case of the eruption of a riot.

During the course of the day, Ohio Organizer of the NKKKK, took strong objection to the utilization of the checkpoints by the law enforcement agencies and was vehement that there was no need for such a procedure. However, it was pointed out to that at that point a carbine and ammunition had already been confiscated as a result of the checkpoints.

A vacant cement property was utilized as headquarters for the NKKKK Rally, and above this structure flew a Confederate flag and a flag of the United States. This cement block structure was also set up to handle registrations for membership into the NKKKK. A wooden platform complete with a public address system was erected for speeches.

During the morning and afternoon registration on August 21, 1965, there was no more than 50 or 60 individuals at the NKKKK site at any one time, and the peak crowd at the might festivities is estimated at 500 people, although NKKKK officials estimated the crowd at between 3,000 and 5,000. NKKKK officials would reveal no information as to the number of individuals who registered for NKKKK membership.

At about 8:00 PM, August 21, 1965, a group of about 25 pickets in five cars appeared in the vicinity of the NKKKK rally site. They identified themselves as the "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee" and carried signs which read "The KKK Preaches a Super Race--As Hitler Did", "Klansmen are American Nazis" and "I'm a Catholic, Can I Join?" These pickets assembled on the west side of U. S. Highway 42 opposite to the NKKKK rally site and were composed of both males and females of the white and Negro races who appeared to be college students of college age. Although both groups, the picketers and those at the NKKKK Rally, shouted insulting remarks at one another, there was no violence.

Pickets, as well as those in attendance at the NKKKK Rally, were kept on opposite sides of U. S. Highway 42 by law enforcement officers.

During the evening hours on August 21, 1965, JAMES R. VENABLE, National Chairman of the NKKKK, gave a short speech in which he advised that the Klan feels there is a place for the colored man in the United States but that God did not mean that the colored should be integrated with the white man. He advised that all white Christians were invited to join the NKKKK with the exception of those white people who owe their allegiance to powers in foreign lands, such as Catholics and Jews. He noted that recent riots in Los Angeles, California, have added thousands of new Klan members to their rolls. He also noted that he was satisfied with the present rally, although he was disappointed by the roadblocks put up by the law enforcement agencies. He announced that the site would be opened on Sunday, August 22, 1965, for the sole purpose of registering new members into the NKKKK.

of the NKKKK, also gave a short speech which was substantially the same as VENABLE's, and further noted "the police are making the area a police state" and have turned away people who wanted to come to the rally.

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Following the speeches, a 25 foot cross was burned at 9:30 PM, signifying the close of the meeting. As the cross slowly burned, the pickets and those in attendance at the NKKKK Rally slowly dispersed in small groups, and by 10:00 PM, the crowd was dissipated. At 10:15 PM, the area was considered secured, and law enforcement officers departed.

On Sunday, August 22, 1965, the registration for new NKKKK members commenced at the same site at approximately 8:00 AM and was closed at approximately 5:00 PM. No speeches were given and the public address system had already been dismantled. No more than 30 to 40 cars were observed in the parking lot at any one time.

It was learned that JAMES R. VENABLE had issued instructions to NKKKK meeting within six weeks at the same location or in Strongs-ville, Ohio.

During the course of the two-day affair, no arrests were made, nor were there any acts of violence.

3. Counter-NKKKK Rally Activities

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whom he describes as a militant Negress active in the civil rights movement in the Cleveland, Ohio, area, contacted him on to advise that "they", referring to civil rights workers, were organizing a group to "heckle" the NKKKK meeting during the evening of August 21, 1965, at Strongsville, Ohio. noted that the group was going there 'beacefully"; however, indicated that should they be met with violence, they would not back away from their intended purpose.
Possible Communist Party (CP) and Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) Participation
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contacted him that date to advise tha was
considering sending pickets to the NKKKK Rally of August 21,
1965, although specific plans had not been formalized. advised that she intended to attend as a picket.
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who has furnished
information to the 🐧. S. Government, is a self-
admitted member of the CP whose cooperation with
the U. S. Government was nublicly disclosed on
June 5, 1962 <u>reported on February 17,</u> 1961. that to be a member of
1961, thatto be a member of the Heights Club of the CP of Cleveland, Ohio, as
of April, 1960.
on advised that he was in
contact with at which time
advised that there would be no use to attempt to go to
the NKKKK Rally to picket as the police were not letting anyone
into the area advised that because of the widespread
news coverage of the fact that the police were excluding individuals from the area and, in particular, Negroes who might
be the cause of some violence, CORE plans to picket the NKKKK
Rally were abandoned.

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so divided by the end of the night that he wished the whole demonstration had never been planned. _____ mentioned that a rock was hurled at the demonstrators by the Klan's people which almost hit _____ threw the rock back at the Klan's people and was preparing for trouble when the police halted the disturbance.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Assessment of NKKKK Rally

By report dated August 22, 1965, Case Number 3-157-10, the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) advised that its assessment of the NKKKK Rally at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, is as follows:

There was a crowd of approximately 600 persons who attended the rally on the evening of August 21, 1965. It would appear that most of this crowd was men who came alone. There were a few families who attended with their children.

It would appear that a great number of the crowd were young hoodlums who came more out of curiosity than for any other reason.

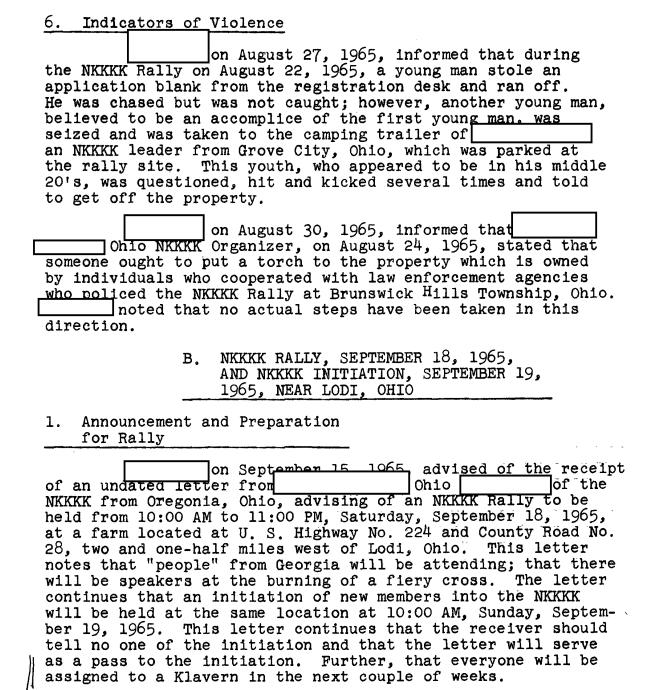
From the reporting officers' observation, it would appear that the attendance at the rally did not come up to expectations.

Klan Assessment of Rally

on August 27, 1965, informed that the NKKKK Rally at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, was considered a success by Klan leaders present. Approximately 280 individuals signed up for Klan membership, and most of them paid their \$15.00 dues or a portion thereof.

also informed that 20 Catholics were permitted to make application for NKKKK membership. However, he noted that the National Board of the NKKKK, which is to meet at Stone Mountain, Georgia, over the Labor Day, 1965 weekend, will make the final decision as to whether or not Catholics will be allowed to join the Klan.

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on September 15, 1965, confirmed the above information. He related that the NKKKK Rally will not be as large as the last NKKKK Rally held August 21 and 22, 1965, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, inasmuch as the forthcoming rally was given very little newspaper publicity. This source advised that arrangements to lease this land near Lodi, Ohio. were made by farm, ar
This source noted that no violence is anticipated, and there is no indication to date that anti-Klan groups will demonstrate against the rally. However, he did disclose that a .38 caliber pistol and a British rifle were previously brought into the farm for their "self-protection" should any anti-Klan groups or individuals take direct action with arms against the Klan.
Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio, on September 15, 1965, advised he was cognizant of the NKKKK functions to be held near Lodi, Ohio, on September 18 and 19, 1965. He noted that his department has jurisdiction inasmuch as the property in question is in the county and further that he anticipates his department will take the necessary action to prevent the possibility of any violence.

2. Activities of September 18 and 19, 1965

Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio, during September 18 and 19, 1965, furnished information concerning the functions of the NKKKK held on September 18 and 10, 1965, at the Rocated

of Lodi, Medina County, Ohio.

Sheriff STUART advised that a rally of the NKKKK commenced at approximately 10:00 AM, September 18, 1965, on and continued until about 9:15 PM, when a 30 foot wooden cross was burned. At about 6:00 PM, speeches eulogizing the Klan and the Klan movement, as well as the need of segregation of the white and Negro races, were given by various Klan officials.

Sheriff STUART noted that approximately two hundred individuals attended the rally. He noted that the entire area was kept under observation, although no automobiles were stopped and searched to determine if weapons were being taken into the rally site. He stated that no automobiles were stopped to preclude the possibility of an allegation of harassment or that the Sheriff's Office was interfering with the Klan's right to assemble.

Sheriff STUART advised that on September 19. 1965,
the NKKKK continued its activities at hich
included two separate initiations for new members which were
held in secret sessions in one of the farm buildings on the
STUART estimates approximately one hundred
fifty individuals were on at this time,
although he had no idea of the number of individuals who were
initiated into the NKKKK.
Chariff CTUART also advised that he entered upon
during the morning of September 19, 1965.
armed with a search warrant issued by the Court of Common
Pleas for Medina County, Medina, Ohio. He noted that he
located a .32 caliber automatic revolver and a .22 caliber
rifle in a car belonging to of Columbus,
Ohio. He also searched a small house trailer belonging to
a Klansman from Grove City, Ohio, wherein
he located a shotgun and a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson pistol.
Inasmuch as the above noted guns were not in the possession of
any individual, no one was arrested and the guns were not
confiscated.
During the search. JAMES R. VENABLE. National Chairman
of the NKKKK, and of the NKKKK,
hoth orally objected to STUART regarding his search on the
although they made no attempt to interfere
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with the search.
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During the search, it was apparent to Sheriff STHART
thatwas highly upset over the search and he
informed that the NKKKK would hold an NKKKK Rally in Ohio every
week. Sheriff STUART replied to the effect that every time the
NKKKK holds a rally in Medina County, the NKKKK would find the

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On September 19, 1965, noted that a secret initiation of new Klan members into the NKKKK was held in the hay barn on farm. Klansmen attired in black pants and black shirts guarded the outside of the barn to forestall a possibility of a raid by the Sheriff's Office and likewise Klan guards were stationed by each window on the inside of the barn to prevent anyone from looking into the barn to witness the secret ceremonies. advised that the secret ceremony took place at exactly 10:30 AM and that anyone not present at that time was excluded from entering.
dvised that approximately 75 individuals
were initiated into the NKKKK as Probationary Klansmen.
further noted that a secret initiation was
held at approximately 3:00 PM to accommodate those individuals
who were late for the first initiation. Approximately 18 individuals were initiated, and this ceremony was shortened
to approximately 45 minutes, in contrast to the three hour
initiation in the morning.
revealed that VENABLE and departed the
farm following the last initiation in order to catch a United or Trans World Airlines flight departing Cleveland at
approximately 6:05 PM for Atlanta.
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advised he learned that the NKKKK contemplates
only one more rally in Ohio for this year, and that both Columbus
and Youngstown, Ohio, are under consideration.
on September 18, 1965, informed that he would
estimate approximately 75 individuals were at the NKKKK Rally
during the afternoon of that date at the farm of
near Lodi, Ohio. He noted that JAMES R. VENABLE and
arrived at site by car at about 3:30 PM. The
car bore Ohio license plates and was driven by
and they were dismayed over the presence of the Medina
County Sheriff's Office, although automobiles entering the rally
site were not being stopped and searched. These individuals

on September 19, 1965, informed that at exactly 10:30 AM, September 19, 1965, a secret initiation of individuals into the NKKKK commenced in the hay barn on arm and ended at approximately 1:15 PM.

The officiating Klansmen wore robes and hoods and the barn was locked, and at each window a Klan guard was posted. In front of the robed Klansman was a table draped with a flag of the United States and a Confederate flag. On top of the flags was a Bible, a butcher knife and a ceremonial container of baptismal water. Prior to the commencement of the ceremonies those about to be initiated were given a chance to leave should they have an ulterior motive for joining.

Initiation speeches were given by JAMES R. VENABLE, and an unidentified woman from Georgia. The new members were warned that they would be continuously watched and that the Klan was aware the FBI would try to infiltrate the NKKKK as they had done so in the past. In the regard the group was warned that should any one of the new members be found to be working on behalf of the FBI, they would meet with serious consequences.

This group was initiated as Probationary Klansmen and were given secret handshakes and signals. then advised that local Klaverns would be set up in about six weeks.

estimates that about 80 to 100 people were initiated.

on September 18 and 19, 1965, noted that
of the farm on which the NKKKK Rally took
place, was openly wearing a .22 caliber pistol during both of
these days and advised on September 18, 1965, that
should any individual demonstrating against the Klan step on
his private property, he would shoot the intruder.

3. Counter-NKKKK Rally Activities

Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART advised that approximately 8:00 PM, September 18, 1965, 31 individuals, mostly of college age, and both of the white and Negro races, appeared at the rally site to protest the presence of the NKKKK in Ohio. They identified themselves as the "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee".

Sheriff STUART noted that he made these demonstrators stay on the south side of U. S. Highway 224, well away from the rally site, in order to prevent the possibility of violence. These demonstrators remained at this location until the cross was burned, and they then departed.

In addition, Sheriff STUART noted that at 4:00 AM, September 19, 1965, ten college-age boys and girls appeared at the vicinity of the rally site with the intent to picket the rally. They identified themselves as students from Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio. They were prevented from entering the rally site and they therefore departed.

Sheriff STUART noted that no violence or any incidents accompanied these anti-Klan demonstrations.

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did appear at the rally site the evening of September 18,

5. Estimate of Number of Individuals Initiated into NKKKK on September 19, 1965

It should be noted that previously reported 93 individuals were inducted into the NKKKK on September 19, 1965, and previously estimated that about 80 to 100 people were initiated.

on September 29, 1965, informed that approximately 50 individuals were initiated into the NKKKK on September 19, 1965.

	C. MISCELLANEOUS NKKKK ACTIVITY
	On October 1, 1965, Department, Akron, Ohio, furnished SA the following information:
[\ -	On September 30, 1965, Akron, Ohio, appeared at the Akron Police Department on his own volition and conferred with and other officials of this department. He Adentified himself as the Akron, Ohio the NKKKK. He gave his address as set forth above and said he is a
L	Onio, actually located in Berea, Onio. He said he plans on forming an NKKKK protest meeting on October 18-19, 1965, at Goodyear Metropolitan Park, Newton Street, Akron. He explained he wanted to rent the Shelter House in that park and wanted to know what procedure to follow. He said the meeting was not an actual protest but designed to see that justice would be served in the forthcoming trial of which commences on October 18, 1965, in Akron.
	pointed out that both Negroes, were arrested in Akron in
	April, 1965, for the shooting of three officers of the Akron Police Department. Officer EUGENE HOOPER was fatally wounded and were both critically wounded. The latter two remain partially paralyzed as a result of their wounds. At the time of the shooting, were being arrested as armed robbery suspects. trial is to commence October 18, 1965, in Akron. The trial for will be subsequent to The three officers involved are all white.
	continued thaat first wanted to know if three representatives of the NKKKK could be present in the courtroom to observe the proceedings. He was told that as far as the Police Department knew, the trial would be open to the public was asked why he wanted somebody from the Klan there, and he replied he was only interested in seeing that received the "proper justice" was also told that the Akron Police Department would appreciate it very much if the Klan did not cause any demonstrations during this

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trial as they had worked long and hard on this case, and they do not want to have anything occur wherein the defense could claim prejudice or mistrial. In this connection, the attorney for is currently requesting a change of venue on the basis this case has received so much publicity that his client cannot expect to get a fair trial as he has already been "publicly condemned". No ruling as yet has been made.
According to at the end of the interview had not yet decided if he would carry through his initial plans.

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The constitution further states this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals or, if five or more people so desire, a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organizat	ion.
source advised in April, 1965, the headquarters of the organization continues to be located at 1953 McAllister Stree San Francisco, California.	t,
ources have advised that at the Founding Convention two officers were elected:	b
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source advised on October 26, 1962, strended a CP recruiting class held at 1579 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, California.	ď.
source advised that Carl Bloice, reporter for the "People's World," was, on April 3, 1964, elected to the newly organized San Francisco County Committee of the CP.	
The "People's World" is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.	

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WORKERS WORLD PARTY

On April 17, 1959, a source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group, under the leadership of National Committee member, Sam Ballan, split from the SWP.

The source stated this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of Leon Trotsky and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved cooperation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery - individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to the source, advocates unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On May 12, 1960, the source advised this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party.

On May 3, 1965, source advised the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Report of SA dated and captioned as above,

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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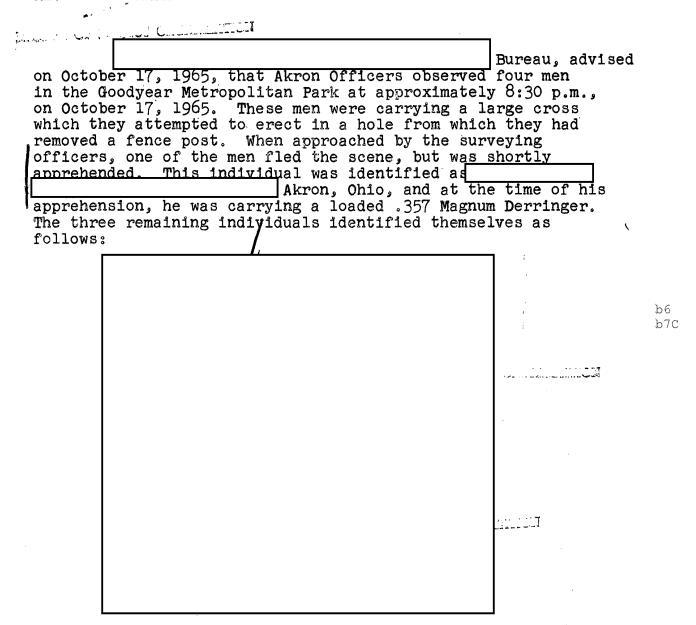
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	Rureau. advised that several days previous,
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himself as	the Ohio NKKKK, had requested permission
for three Klan memb	pers to appear at the trial of
	who was to begin trial on October 18, 1965,
	n Akron Police Officer in April, 1965.
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	r Metropolitan Park in Akron for a Klan
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to "insure	received appropriate justice".
stated that a	n effort was made to dissuade regarding
	stration, but that as a precautionary measure,
	partment planned to conduct a surveillance at
	oolitan Park during the evening of October
17, 1965.	

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The four men were placed under arrest and charged with "injuring public property". During a search of the park area, Akron Officers were unable to locate any dynamite or other explosive materials. A truck parked in the vicinity, which was registered to Market Motors West, was searched with negative results.

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On October 18, 1965,advised that the
four arrested persons appeared in Akron Municipal Court on
that date and all <u>pled guilty to the cha</u> rge of "injuring
public property". were given 30-day
sentences. 27 days of which were suspended, and fined \$50
each. received a suspended 30-day sentence and a fine
of \$25. In addition, LONG was charged with carrying a
concealed weapon and was bound over to the Grand Jury.
ladmitted they are members of the NKKKK, but
stated that has no Klan affiliations, and was
with them merely to assist in the erection of the cross.

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pending NKKKK applications, although, the real purpose	b6 b7с b7D
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This LHM is classified confidential since info reported by the above two informants could reasonably result in their identification and thereby compromise their future effectiveness.

The Cleveland Office will continue to follow and report NKKKK activities.



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A characterization of the NKKKK appears as an appendix attached hereto.

NKKKK Initiation Held 10/17/65 at Strongsville, Ohio
Chief of Police CHARLES B. SPERBER, Strongsville Police Department, Strongsville, Ohio, on October 18, 1965, revealed that the NKKKK held a gathering on the farm of Strongsville, Ohio, on Sunday, October 17,
1965.
Chief SPERBER related that the Strongsville Police Department had no advance knowledge of this affair and only learned that it was being held when a entering farm mediately reported this matter to the Strongsville Police Department.
Chief SPERBER stated that he and another police officer proceeded to arm, where they hriefly spoke to dvised that was very belligerent and when asked the reason for the large number of cars on his property, replied that it was none of the Police Department's business and they should get off of his property.

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It was estimated that there were approximately cow pasture.
Chief SPERBER noted that there were no KKK signs at the site nor were there any "NKKKK" signs pointing out the route to the farm as were evident in previous NKKKK rallies held in the area. He also noted that there were no hooded klansmen present. He did note that a small sign which read, Is Here" was posted at the entrance to farm which he feels identified the farm for those attending. He surmites that the referred to in the sign is f the NKKKK from Oregonia, Ohio, inasmuch as throughout the remainder of the day, he occasionally saw whom he personally knows, on property. MENUSER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
Chief SPERBER stated that he immediately took up a surveillance of the area. Shortly after the inception of the affair, which was at approximately 10:00 AM and he continued the surveillance until the last of the participators departed around 3:00 PM. About 100 automobiles were observed during this period traveling on Boston Road towards the farm. He noted that because of the terrain and limited manpower, he could not definitely establish if all these cars actually entered farm. He stated that at least one or two individuals, mostly men, were noted in each car and that a possible total of 150 cars could have entered farm, including those initially observed in the cow pasture. He specifically pointed out that he was unable to cover the parking area due to the terrain and heavy brush that hid this parking area from view.
Chief SPERBER noted that his department was able to observe a barn on property, where it was apparent the gathering was taking place. In this respect, he noted that usually one or two individuals would gather at the barn entrance and when a small gathering was present, the group would then be admitted into the barn. These same individuals would then depart in about an hour.
As these individuals would gather at the barn entrance, it appeared that they were being check out by one or two men and at times was observed talking to these men.

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Chief SPERBER concluded that the meeting was orderly and no incidents occurred.
Ohio, on October 19, 1965, informed that on Sunday, October 17, 1965, at approximately 10:00 AM, an unusually large number of automobiles enter th stated that was at the time. and when farm, noted an American and Confederate flag flying in the field near barn. immediately became suspicious and notified the Strongsville Police Department.
stated that during the remainder of the day, very cognizant that something was going on at farm and estimates that "at least 100 cars" entered and left broperty during the day. noted that saw ho is known to another individual, unknown checking cars as they entered farm stated that is a good friend of and that both he and
are employed by the Ford Motor Company, Cleveland. resides at which is located or strongsville, Ohio.
Strongsville, Ohio, on October 19, 1965, identified as stated that bognizant of the Klan affair on the hn Sunday October 17, 1965 noted that althoug
stated that approximately 10:00 AM, cars began to enter farm. At this time and throughout the day each car was checked by an individual known to of Strongsville, Ohio, and another individual, unknown These cars would proceed to a parking area in a cow pasture and the occupants would then walk to the barn. At the front of the barn, these men would
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again be checked by two other unknown individuals and when a small group of men would be assembled, they would jointly be admitted into the barn. As soon as these men would enter the barn possibly ampliphied, as though some sort of a ceremony was taking place; however, although this voice was audible, could not discern what the individual was saying. In about 45 minutes to one hour, the voice would stop and the group of men would then depart the barn and proceed to their vehicles at which time they immediately left the premises.
throughout the day until the last group departed around 3:00 PM. advised so scared and excited
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"there must have been 200 men there during the day."
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also made the statement that the people at the Klan affair were a fine bunch of individuals and she did remark that not sure if there would be any more Klan affairs at their farm.
advised that always been surly in his relations towards and although know if he is a member of the Klan, feels that, "Money is his god and he would do anything to get it." In this respect, he could have rented the farm to the Klan for the monitory gain.
A Confidential Source, contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, but who has some knowledge of NKKKK activities, on October 19, 1965, advised that on October 18, 1965, he learned the NKKKK gathering on October 17, 1965, at farm, Strongsville, Ohio, was a secret initiation of new members into the NKKKK. In this respect, he stated that the NKKKK held their last initiation September 19, 1965, near Lodi, Ohio; however, there were numerous individuals who indicated they would be

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unable to attend this initiation and consequently, were initiated on October 17, 1965.

He stated that he was unaware that this initiation was to take place and further learned that other members of the NKKKK in the Cleveland area were also unaware of this initiation.

contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability. but who has some knowledge of NKKKK activities, on October 21, 1965, related that on October 18, 1965, he determined that the NKKKK affair held October 17, 1965, at Strongsville, Ohio, was an initiation of new members into the NKKKK. These were individuals that were unable to attend the prior initiation held during September, 1965, near Lodi, Ohio.

He stated that all arrangements for the affair were personally handled by and no one other that personal entourage from southern Ohio, those individuals to be initiated, and a select group from the Strongsville area, who are friends of were cognizant of this affair. He pointed out that not even those individuals who are members of the NKKKK or were previously initiated into the NKKKK at the last initiation, possessed any information concerning the initiation of October 17, 1965.

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APPENDIX

1.

NATIONAL RENAISSANCE PARTY

On May 19, 1965, a source stated that the National Renaissance Party (NRP) is an anti-Semitic, anti-Christian, anti-Negro, and neo-Fascist organization with activities generally confined to the New York City area. It was founded in 1949 by who is in complete control of the Party. The Party's main function is distribution of the "National Renaissance Bulletin" on a bi-monthly basis and distribution of pro-Arab literature obtained from official Arab establishments in New York City.

The source further stated that the headquarters					
for the NRP is located in the residence of					
New York City.					
On March 4, 1965.					
Newburgh, New York, advised that he is the					
of the NRP and as such is					

stated that the NRP is a fascist organization but that it operates openly. He stated that the NRP advocates the use of the ballot in order to win a national election and take over the government. If the NRP should gain power it would then proceed to change the constitution in a legal way in order to give it the right to use militant means in dealing with those who would seek to overthrow this democracy such as the Communist Party.

The Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives in a Preliminary Report dated December 17, 1954, stated that NRP activity and propaganda are clearly subversive and un-American.

On September 29, 1964, source advised that on July 16, 1964, of the NRP, was sentenced to two years in jail following his conviction on a charge of riot.

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NATIONAL RENAISSANCE PARTY

Subsequent to July 16, 1964, all activities of
the NRP appeared to have been suspended. As of September 29,
1964, was free on bail pending an appeal
on his conviction and sentencing on July 16, 1964. This
source advised that the NRP would not be reactivated by
Madole who feared that such reactivation might jeopardize
his appeal.
On May 18, 1965, Bureau
of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised
that on May 15, 1965, he had been informed by
that his appeal would be heard sometime in early
September, 1965. further stated future activities
of the NRP would depend on the outcome of that appeal.
Should he win his appeal stated there could be
an expected increase in NRP activities. Should he lose,
there will not be any activity since he will be sent to jail.
Madole stated there will be no real NRP activity until
the status of his appeal is determined in September, 1965.

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Formed in Recent Months, Leader Says

By ROBERT H. COLLINS Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., operating in great secrecy, has established at least a dozen klavorns (units) in St. Louis and St. Louis county in recent months, the Post-Dispatch was told yesterday.

This organization, one of the major divisions of the Klan, apparently has its greatest strength in Georgia. Its Imperial Wizard (top national leader) is James R. Venable, an Atlanta lawyer.

Several automobiles from the St. Louis area were noted at a recent national meeting of the ONational Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Stone Mountain, Ga., near Atlanta. Klan leaders from 38 states reportedly attended the meeting.

Discusses Movement Here

One of the klavern leaders from here, a college student whose identity was learned after the meeting, agreed to discuss the Klan movement in the St. Louis area, provided his namewas not used.

Information from other sources tends to substantiate to a considerable degree much that he told the Post-Dispatch about the activities of the Klan not only in St. Louis and St. Louis county but also in Jefferson county, the East Side and southern Illinois.

The klavern leader, whose title is "exalted cyclops," said that the Klan's organizing effort has been in progress here for at the least two years. "But it was was after the enactment of the Civil Rights Bill by Congress last year that the membership began to show a strong increase, not only in this area but all over the country," he said.

Intensified Drive

The organizing effort in Missouri and southern Illinois has been intensified by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in when a' 🧳 shouted: "Back ov you traitor Splas

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the last six mo leader said.

Every effort is in di in in tain secrecy of membership rules. he continued: "When you take the Klan oath, you swear before God that you will not reveal the identity of any member or any secrets of the organization," he said, "and you further agree that if you prove untrue as a klansman, you will willingly accept any punishment deemed necessary by the national headquarters."

"Potential members are seeking us out in the St. Louis area," the Klan leader said, "and we are going to those individuals who impress us as good prospects."

After new members are accepted, he commerted, "they are investigated for a period of two years by our contral into " gence office in Abanta." He said that a few "FBI rimps and Communists" have been founin the Klan.

In several states in the last year, notably sections of Olio and Pennsylvania, the Klan has made surprising public demonstrations of strength in areas where it was hardly known to exist

Organization in Missouri

The klavern leader rise deat the National Knights of the ria Klux Klan has organized kliverns in northeast Missouri. southeast Missouri, St. Longs and St. Louis county.

Missouri now has the standard Klan organizational structura for a state, with a Grand Drugon (state leader) in charge, the klansman explained. He refused to name the Missouri Grand Dragon or the city in which he lives. ? 27 lives.

The Klan leader said that organization of a klavern is not permitted unless it has 50 members. "Membership of a klavern may not exceed 250, because when it reaches that size it is unwieldy, and it noses some problems in maintaining secrecy," he said.

Klaverns have been organized in south St. Louis, in the northern and southern parts of St. Louis county, in Arnold and Maxville in Jefferson county, and in Collinsville, East St. Louis, Columbia and Cairo in Illinois, the klansman said. Fenton was the only city in St.

J'lics." the klavern leader said. "These my said that some Catholics in t state have be-M come highly zectivé klansmen, and they wanted their acceptance made official."

Ralph E Pryor Jr., grand

dragen of the Ku Klux Klan in Delaware, announced Sept. 30 that his organization was accepting Catholics into membership. He said that before admitting

Catholics, he had consulted Imperial Wizard Robert M Shelton Jr., Tuscaloosa, Ala., national head of the United Klans of America,

Shelton told him, Pryor said, that Catholics could be admitted as long as they were willing to take the Klan oath, in which they must pledge that they "take no orders from any foreign power . . . not from a king, a mictator, or the Pope."-

Shelton's order would have no effect on the St. Louis area klaverns, because they apparentr are under the control of Imperial Wizard Venable.

Johnson

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"doesn't intend to use the telephone if he can help it."

Mr. Johnson is an inveterate telephone caller who conducts a great deal of business that way in the course of a normal day.

Taking advantage of his hosnati confinement, Mr. Johnson had some dental work today. He went from his third-floor room to the dentist's offices on the second story of the hospital, walking part of the way.

He spent about 30 minutes in the dentist's chair, having his teeth cleaned and one filling replaced. Tomorrow Mr. Johnson will return to have a small filling replaced.

The dental work was performed by Capt. John Pepper and Comdr. James Enoch, members of the hospital staff.

Stitches Removed

The President awoke about 7 a.m. today after a sleep of about five hours. Before breakfast, doctors removed the stitches used to close the long incision. Now he has nei in his abdomen. Supervising the removal was Dr. George A. Halllenbeck of the Mayo Clinic, head of the surgical team that operated on the President. Dr. Hallenbeck has remained in attendance since the operation.

Mr. Johnson was said to be in a better frame of mind today than in the last day or two He

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ing was admission of Catholics to the XVn.

He said that appaiently they have made no decision on this matter yet because no orders have been issued or it.

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Cairo a Strong Point

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growth on the East Side."

The klavern leader said that the Klan will "come into the coen" in this area but said he did not knew when. "We will not come into the open until we are strong enough politically to send Senators and Representatives to Jefferson City and to Washington. The Negroes proved this can be done—they even put a man in the White House—and if they can do it so can we."

"First, and above everything else I am a Christian." the klansman said. "This is why I am in the Klan. We feel that God was the first segregationist. Many Negroes here and in the South are fine Christians. I believe in equal housing and job opportunities for five for the parate. I can be seen and in the first f

Main Goals

The klavern leader said that the main goals of the Klan are "to save the white race and the Constitution of the United States." He said that he is "100 per cent against violence" and that the Klan as a whole is against violence "in spite of all the oturight lies that have been written about the Klan in that respect."

"Most Missourians used to say, as long as the Negro leaves me alone. I will leave him alone." the Klansman continued, but now they finally are realizing that by not defending themselves him take markets.



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Your letter of October 17th, with enclosure, has been

I would like to point out that all citizens can be of assistance by referring to proper authorities information they have of a criminal or subversive nature. If you receive such information, please feel free to contact representatives of our office located at 2704 Federal Building, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

You can be assured we will continue to do everything within our power to discharge our responsibilities in the internal security field with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Enclosed is a leaflet you might find of interest. I am returning the clipping you forwarded.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168) DATE: 10/29/65 SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-496) (RUC) NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka., Association of Klans in America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Herein is unclassified GENE MURPHY RACIAL MATTERS Re Atlanta letter to Bureau 8/26/65, entitled "NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka Association of Klans in America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN) " wherein information was set forth that b2 on 8/25/65, was in possession of a document containing b6 handwritten list of names and addresses which informant did b7C not know significance of list but believed them to be members b7D of the National Knights, Knights of Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Referenced letter contained the name 14670 Greystone Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee. The City Directory of Knoxville and city maps reflect there is no Greystone Avenue in Knoxville. It is noted the street numbers in Knoxville do not run in five digits. On 10/27/65, Knoxville Credit Bureau, advised that his records contain no record for currently residing in Knoxville. checked records of Knoxville PD, and no record for any was located. RECT TY Indices of Knowlife Office were searched and no record identifiable with the subject was found. Informants'in klan matters have not produced a name of this nature in connection with klan activities in this area.

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The following names are being submitted to the Bureau for indexing. These persons have either become members or have made application to become members of the above organization. Prior to dissemination of this information outside the Bureau, it is suggested a recheck be made with the Charlotte Division to definitely determine identity and endeavor to verify membership in captioned organization through additional sources and/or investigation.

Where no address is listed it is believed the individual will reside in the general vicinity of the city in North Carolina bearing the klavern name of which he is a member.

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